



UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD

# Presidency Times

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



RI President- **Rtn. Francesco Arezzo** | DG: **Rtn. Dr. Ramnendu Homchaudhuri**  
President: **Rtn. Rajesh Bothra** | Secretary: **Rtn. Rashi Sureka** | Editor: **Rtn. Anju Bothra**

## Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26



This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience. That fellowship gives us the courage

and means to create lasting change in the world as well, and mental health services are in desperate need of improvement..

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness. While we are creating lasting change in the world, we cannot forget to take care of each other. Past RI President Gordon McNally wisely reminds us that we must go beyond asking, "How are you?" We owe it to each other to instead ask, "How are you really?"

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.







## Saksham Project Camp at Baruipur

On **14th December 2025**, with the support and encouragement of all members, the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency** conducted yet another camp under its signature project "Saksham" at the premises of **Fultala Samaj Unnayan Samaj, Baruipur**.

During the camp, **artificial LN-4 hands** were successfully fitted to **eight beneficiaries** in the age group of **13 to 55 years**, who had unfortunately lost one hand below the elbow due to various reasons. Two additional beneficiaries were assessed; however, the prosthetics could not be fitted owing to technical mismatch.

**Mr. Kallol Ghosh** and his associates from Fultala Samaj Unnayan Samaj played a crucial role in providing the local platform and necessary arrangements. Special appreciation is due to **two young girls, Aheli and Saheli Saha**, whose constant presence, enthusiasm,

and helping attitude greatly contributed to the smooth conduct of the camp.

The project was efficiently executed under the **joint leadership of Rtn. Ranjan Musaddi and Rtn. Sangita Jain**, making the task seamless and successful. The camp was actively supported by **Dr. Ramesh Agarwal, Rtn. Rashi Sureka, and Dr. Utpal Das**, whose dedication ensured the effective delivery of this life-changing initiative.

Adding immense value and inspiration to the event was the gracious presence and participation of young and talented **Tollywood actress Ms. Parijat Choudhury**, whose involvement elevated the programme and brought additional encouragement to the beneficiaries.

## 226th RWM – Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency



The **226th Regular Weekly Meeting** was held on **6th December 2025** at the **Cosmopolitan Club**, beginning with the National Anthem led by **President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra**. A **Pinning Ceremony** was conducted for the President, Secretary **Rtn. Rashi Sureka**, and other Directors and Board Members.

The club bulletin *Presidency Times* was released, with appreciation extended to **Rtn. Anju Bothra** for her efforts.

**Upcoming projects announced** included the **Saksham Camp** at Baruipur (14th Dec), **Medical Camp** at **Rotary Ramkrishna Academy, Piyali** (17th Dec), **Sui Dhaga Project** at Baruipur, **Fellowship** at **Kolaghat Resort** (21st Dec), and registration for the Rotary Convention.

### Guest Speaker Session

The speaker for the meeting was **our own club member, Rtn. Sunita Kedia**. She spoke on the importance of **balanced investment planning**, drawing an analogy between financial health and a balanced diet. She highlighted the **evolution of investment modes from earlier times to the present**, emphasizing the need for **proper financial planning aligned with individual financial goals**.

Despite the complexity of the subject, the topic was explained in a **simple, lucid, and engaging manner**, making it easily understandable for all members.

### Editor's Note



As we are six months into the Rotary year, it is an apt moment to pause and reflect on our journey of service, fellowship, and shared values. December, observed as the month of Disease Prevention and Treatment, saw our club undertake meaningful initiatives—a health camp for RRA school children and Saksham, providing prosthetic hands to bring hope and independence to beneficiaries, cervical cancer vaccines administered to girls. These projects reaffirm our commitment to community welfare, teamwork, and purposeful action.

As the year draws to a close, there is a deep sense of satisfaction in what we have achieved together, made possible by the dedication and goodwill of our members. Our meetings, projects, and bonding continue to strengthen the spirit of Rotary. With the New Year comes renewed energy, fresh resolutions, and greater opportunities to serve. I urge all members to participate actively in the months ahead, as our ultimate goal remains simple yet profound—spreading happiness through service. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

**Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor**



## Blood Donation Camp – Donate Blood, Save Lives



A truly feel-good project and one very close to our hearts, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, in association with Life Care Blood Bank, organised a Blood Donation Camp on **29th November 2025 at Sector V**. The response was overwhelming, with over 60 blood donors coming forward to support this noble cause.

The Presidency team—**Rtn. Jayshree Somani, Rtn. Sangeeta Bajoria, Rtn. Anju Bothra, Rtn. Navita Bothra, Rtn. O. P. Todiji, Rtn. Abha Lunia, and Rtn. Rajkumar ji**—did a commendable job, efficiently managing everything from registrations to distributing

appreciation certificates, gifts, and food packets to the donors. Our heartfelt thanks to **Rtn. Kamal ji** for generously providing his office premises for the camp. His team of around **15 staff members** extended full support in smoothly handling the entire project. The icing on the cake was the honour of having **DGE Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya** visit the camp; his presence greatly encouraged our members.

This project truly reflected the Rotary spirit—**Uniting for Good**. Let us continue to do good and serve humanity.

## Health Camp at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy



On 17th, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency organised a comprehensive Health Camp at its school, **Rotary Ramkrishna Academy**. The event was graced by **DGE Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya** as the Chief Guest.

A dedicated medical team comprising **three paediatricians, four dentists, and three technicians from Rotary Eye Hospital** conducted thorough health check-ups of **98 children**. The paediatricians — **Dr. B. K. Manocha, Dr. Nawal Kishore, and Dr. Swapnil** — observed that, thankfully, none of the children suffered from any serious ailments.

The dental team made the session engaging and educational by demonstrating correct brushing techniques using a pair of dentures and explaining how cavities can damage teeth.

The programme began with a **warm and heartfelt welcome at the school gate**, where students and faculty greeted the guests with roses and handmade cards. Children charmingly dressed as doctors presented a short song and dance, adding joy to the occasion. Addresses were delivered by **Dr. Swapan, Dr. Das, DGE Tapas Bhattacharya, President Rajesh Bothra, and Mr. Barun Mondal**.

A proud and joyful moment for the club was when **Dr. Manocha and Dr. Nawal Kishore expressed their interest in becoming Rotarians**. DGE Tapas Bhattacharya immediately adorned them with Rotary pin, and with great enthusiasm, two **new members were added to Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency**.

Medical examinations were conducted in designated rooms, with younger children attending along with their parents, followed by the older students. Meanwhile, Rotarians had the opportunity to interact with many parents, who expressed immense appreciation for the school, its teachers, and the quality of education imparted.

Each child returned home happy, carrying a **dental kit sponsored by STIM and woollen socks sponsored by Rtn. Anu Kothari**.

The resounding success of the camp in every aspect is largely credited to **Dr. Das**, who motivated his friends and colleagues to take time off on a working day, travel the distance, and selflessly serve the children. Heartfelt appreciation is also due to the **members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency and the faculty of Rotary Ramkrishna Academy**, who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth and seamless conduct of the camp.



## AGM & 227th Regular Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency

**Date: 20 December 2025 | Time: 9:00 a.m. | Venue: Saturday Club**

- The AGM and 227th Regular Weekly Meeting was held on 20 December 2025 at the Saturday Club.
- The meeting commenced with the National Anthem led by President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra.
- President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra introduced Rtn. Anju Bothra as the President-Elect who introduced a few members of her upcoming board.
- Discussion was held regarding members wishing to discontinue, with a proposal to delete their names from the membership list.
- **"Sui Dhaga" – Sewing Competition** was proposed for students learning sewing at the Piyali and Baruipur centres, scheduled for the

last week of January. Project Chair: Rtn. Sangeeta Balkiwal

- Rtn. Pradeep Jain and Rtn. Pawan Agarwal presented the updated accounts and balance sheets of the club bank accounts.
- A proposal for a project with the **Interact Club of St. Teresa School** was put forward.
- Members were encouraged to join the Fellowship Picnic on 21 December 2025.
- Dr. Das updated members on the Medical Camp held at RRA, Piyali.
- Dr. Ramesh shared his experience at the **Saksham Camp**.
- Updates were shared on the upcoming District Conference in January, with 13 members registered, and on the Taiwan Conference.
- PP Rtn. Abha Lunia proudly gave away the trophies won by the club to the members for the hard work done by them in the respective fields.





## Car Rally for Thalassaemia Awareness- Joint Project of Lions Club and Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency actively participated in a Thalassaemia Awareness Car Rally organised by the Lions Club on Sunday, 28th December, reflecting strong inter-club collaboration for a vital health cause.

Rtn. Dr. Ramendu HomChaudhuri, District Governor RI District 3291, addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of early detection, prevention, and public awareness in combating Thalassaemia.

Members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency participated with **two cars** in the rally. One car was led by **Dr. Rtn. Reena Malpani, Rtn. Rashi Surekha, Rtn. Udita Newar, and Rtn. Sangeeta Bajoria**, who were felicitated with the **All Women Team Award** for their enthusiastic participation. The second car included **Rtn. Sangeeta Jain, Rtn. Ranjan Musaddi, and Rtn. Dr. Das**, adding to the vibrancy and energy of the rally.

With creatively decorated cars and an engaging clue-based format, the rally effectively spread awareness among the public, reaffirming Rotary's commitment to community health and social responsibility.



## Fellowship at Kolaghat – 21 December 2025

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency enjoyed a refreshing fellowship outing on 21st December 2025 at Sonar Bangla, Kolaghat. With the winter sun in a generous mood and the weather behaving beautifully, members relaxed at the scenic resort, indulged in good food, great conversations, and plenty of laughter. It was a day where fellowship flowed easily, calories didn't count, and bonds grew stronger—making it a truly memorable outing.



## Christmas Celebration with Slum Children

The Interact Club members of **St. Agnes Convent School, Howrah** celebrated the spirit of Christmas by spreading joy among **slum children and their families**. The Interactors distributed toys, **stationery items, blankets, and food**, bringing smiles and warmth to many hearts. Through this thoughtful outreach, the Interactors truly embodied the values of service, sharing, and goodwill, making Christmas a memorable occasion for all.



## Community Awareness Initiative

As part of our ongoing community outreach, Thalassaemia Awareness and Cervical Cancer Awareness posters have been displayed at a prominent public place to educate and sensitise the community. The posters have been put up just outside the clinic of Dr. Rina Malpani at Howrah Maidan, ensuring high public visibility and outreach.

This initiative aims to promote early awareness, prevention, and timely medical consultation, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to community health and well-being.

## Happy Anniversary

Anju Singhee & Basantji	2 Dec
Jaishree Somani & Vikash	2 Dec
Sandeep & Ashima Jain	4 Dec
Raj Kumar Nahata & Sarika	6 Dec
Sunil Mall & Chandra	7 Dec
SunilaPoddar & Raj Kumar	8 Dec
Anurag Bindawala & Hima	12 Dec

## Happy Birthday

Navita bothra	3rd Dec
Sangita Jain	28 Dec

Website link: <https://rccalcuttapresidency.rotaryindia.org/NA> | Join us on: [f /Rotary-Calcutta-Presidency-Dist - 3291](https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-Calcutta-Presidency-Dist-3291)

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