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Water connects us all. From a river in a remote forest to a stream running past a city neighbourhood, freshwater ecosystems sustain humanity. Yet these waters are increasingly under strain. Pollution, overuse, and climate pressures remind us that protecting freshwater is a global challenge.

Rotary has always believed change begins within communities. Now we are working to see how far the impact of community action can travel. When local service is connected, measured, and shared, it becomes a force that extends beyond geography and borders.

A water project led by the Rotary Club of Panamá Nordeste exemplifies this idea. The project served Indigenous communities in Panama's Darién province, a region accessible only by canoe and small boat. With no roads, limited electricity, and reliance on untreated river water, families faced serious health risks.

To reach these communities, Rotarians had to rethink how supplies and services could be delivered. Working with a partner club in the United States and a specialized water organization, they introduced solar-powered water treatment systems for an area without access to an electrical grid. Local leaders were trained to operate and maintain the system, ensuring that clean water would continue

flowing long after installation crews departed.

The results were immediate. Children who once missed school due to illness returned to classrooms. No longer needing to haul water from rivers, adults gained time and strength to work and support their families. What began as a water project became a foundation for healthier, more resilient communities.

This is how we extend our reach: combine local leadership with global partnerships, technical expertise, and long-term thinking.

That same spirit is at the heart of Rotary's partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme through the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. Around the world, Rotary and Rotaract clubs are restoring waterways, protecting wetlands, and safeguarding vital freshwater sources. By collecting data to map and measure this work, we can better understand its impact and show how local service contributes to worldwide solutions.

.As we observe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, I encourage you to reflect on the freshwater systems that sustain your community and the role Rotary can play in protecting them.

8 MARCH

Women's Day

WITH LOTS OF LOVE

Inauguration of Digital Learning Lab at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy on 13th March 2026



The **Digital Learning Lab** at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy was inaugurated on 13th March 2026 in the presence of distinguished guests and members of the club.

The **Chief Guest**, Rajani Mukherjee, along with **Guest of Honour Mr. Barun Mondal**, graced the occasion. Other dignitaries present included **Mr. Subham Roy**, Panchayat Samiti Member, and **Advocate & Social Worker Mr. Ranjit Barman**.

The guests were warmly welcomed by the **Headmistress, faculty, and students** of the school. As a token of appreciation, **potted plants** were presented to the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. Mr. Barun Mondal also formally welcomed the Chief Guest, Club President Rajesh Bothra, and other guests.

The **Digital Learning Lab** was officially inaugurated with a **ribbon-cutting ceremony**

performed by the Chief Guest, other dignitaries, and the Club President.

As part of the project, the club provided the following items to the school:

- **3 Desktop Computers**
- **1 Printer**
- **3 Tables**
- **6 Chairs**

The students were visibly **excited and enthusiastic**, fully aware of the importance of learning computer skills in today's digital age. On this occasion, **umbrellas and biscuits were distributed to all students and staff members**. The umbrellas were generously sponsored by **Rtn. Jayshree Somani**, while the biscuits were sponsored by **Rtn. Udita Newar**.

The inauguration marked another meaningful step by the club towards **empowering students through digital education and creating better learning opportunities for the future**.

Minutes of the 230th RWM and Holi fellowship, Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency (RCCP)



Venue: Cosmopolitan Club

Date: 28th February 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President, Rajesh Bothra, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Announcements of upcoming projects:

1. Donation of Dialysis Machine: The proposal for the donation of a dialysis machine at **Galaxy Christian Hospital** was discussed. The first visit was undertaken by President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra along with members Rtn. Kamal Lunia and Rtn. Sandeep Jain. Based on their assessment, it was suggested that the project should go ahead. A second visit has been planned on 8th March with PP Dr. Rina Malpani, Rtn. Sandeep Jain, and other members to discuss further details and modalities.

2. RRA – Computer Installation Project: It was confirmed that the RRA computer installation project will proceed as planned. The inauguration of the Computer Lab is scheduled for 11th March. Members were requested to actively participate in this important event. Detailed planning will be done in coordination with the Head Mistress.

3. Saksham Projects : Rtn. Ranjan ji briefed the members about three upcoming Saksham projects to be held at Purulia, Asansol, and Shantiniketan.

- The Purulia and Shantiniketan camps will focus on hand fitments.

- The Asansol camp will be conducted in association with **Mahavir Seva Sadan** for leg fitment.

All three camps are scheduled to be held between 15th and 31st March 2026.

4. District Holi Meet: Members were requested to attend and participate in the forthcoming District Holi Meet.

5. Project Sui Dhaga – Update

Rtn. Sangeeta Bakliwal informed the members that Universal Singer machines will not be available in the near future due to supply constraints. The club will therefore need to identify a new vendor to ensure continuity of **Project Sui Dhaga**, which empowers many women. Members unanimously agreed to explore alternative vendors to keep the project running smoothly.

6. Honours : The club congratulated Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi on being appointed as the Chairman of the CSR District Committee for the upcoming year as well.

Holi Fellowship

After the meeting, members enjoyed a light-hearted session of fun and fellowship through a game of giving playful titles to fellow members in the spirit of Holi. Organic gulal and thandai were distributed, and members exchanged Holi greetings with traditional gulal tilak, adding colour, warmth, and joy to the morning.

Editor's Note



International Women's Day is a powerful reminder of the importance of empowerment, equality, and inclusion. When women are supported and given opportunities to lead, they become catalysts for meaningful change within the community.

And while many continue to lead from the front, it is the collective participation and meaningful contributions of **all** members that truly drive the success of every initiative, reflecting the strength of teamwork and shared purpose.

It is heartening to see our members actively contributing not only at the club level but also at the district level, reflecting their dedication and leadership within Rotary. Their enthusiastic involvement and thoughtful planning of community service projects truly embody the spirit of service.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together, support one another, and create opportunities that uplift and empower, ensuring a more inclusive and progressive society.

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor

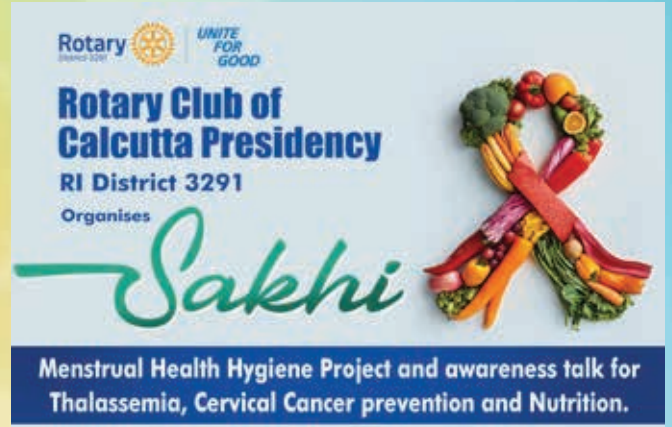


International Women's Day Celebration & Panel Discussion - "NAARI"

"When Women Thrive, Communities Thrive"

Our club proudly co-hosted the International Women's Day Celebration and Panel Discussion in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Pioneers. The event aimed to honour the invaluable contributions of women to the community, highlight leadership, promote gender equality, and challenge stereotypes—reaffirming our commitment to diversity and the "Empowering Girls" initiative. The program featured eminent speakers who shared insightful perspectives on various aspects of women's empowerment. The keynote address by Dr. Ghosh was both inspiring and thought-provoking.

Our club members, Rtn. Pramita Ghosh and Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani, attended the session and appreciated the enriching discussion, which offered diverse and meaningful perspectives. Ratnaboli's views on women's mental health were especially clear, impactful, and deeply resonated with the audience.



Sakhi – Menstrual Health & Hygiene Project: 10th March 2026

Under the Sakhi Project, an awareness and outreach program was conducted at the Nimtalla Clinic in association with Calcutta Rescue. The session focused on Menstrual Health & Hygiene, Cervical Cancer Prevention, Thalassaemia Awareness, and Nutrition. The awareness talk was delivered by Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani, who spoke about menstrual hygiene, prevention and early detection of cervical cancer, and awareness about thalassaemia. She also shared important tips on nutrition and healthy living. The talk was very well appreciated by the audience and concluded with an interactive session, where beneficiaries actively asked questions and shared their concerns.

Each of the 60 women beneficiaries received a sanitary pad packet, toothpaste, and toothbrush from the club. Rtn. Udit also generously sponsored masala packets and biscuit packets for all the beneficiaries.

Women's Day Celebration

The program also included a special celebration of International Women's Day with the beneficiaries. Rtn. Udit took the lead in organising games and fun activities, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone present.

It was truly a meaningful celebration recognising the strength and resilience of these women who work tirelessly to support their families. The beneficiaries were extremely happy and expressed their gratitude, requesting the team to visit them regularly and continue such initiatives.

Meditation Session for Peace and Well-Being

Adding a thoughtful and calming dimension to the program, Rtn. Rashmi conducted a meditation session for peace and self-wellbeing. Her talk on loving oneself and finding inner peace resonated deeply with the audience.



Honours & Participation at District Forums

Our club takes pride in the recognition received by our members and their active participation in various district seminars and programs.



DISHA 2026 – Rotary Zones 5 & 6 Conclave

DISHA 2026 was organized by Rotary Zones 5 & 6 at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, from 10th to 12th March 2026. This annual congregation brings together select Rotary leaders from the zones with the objective of defining performance targets for the ensuing year, while also providing incoming office-bearers an opportunity to benchmark with other clubs and understand the expectations of Zonal leadership. We are proud that our club member, Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi, was a part of this prestigious gathering.

For the visiting delegates from RID 3291, the conclave proved to be an enriching learning experience, showcasing the immense possibilities within Rotary and highlighting its vast reach and impact.



Felicitations of Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani was felicitated by Rotary Club of Charnock City in recognition of her outstanding contribution to society and her dedicated service as the Women Assistant Governor of the Club.



Rotary Change Makers' Conclave at IIM

14th March

The Rotary Change Makers' Conclave held at IIM on 14th March was attended by our club members Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi, Rtn. Abha Lunia, Rtn. Anju Bothra, Rtn. Sunita Kedia, and Rtn. Sunia Mall. The conclave proved to be a highly insightful learning experience, with engaging sessions focused on team building, effective leadership, and conflict resolution. The discussions and interactions offered valuable perspectives and practical takeaways, making it a truly enriching and inspiring event for all attendees.



PELS at Taj Vivanta – 22nd March

The PELS (President-Elect Learning Seminar) was held at Taj Vivanta on 22nd March and was attended by our club members Rtn. Abha Lunia and Rtn. Anju Bothra.

The seminar provided valuable insights into leadership roles, responsibilities, and effective club management, equipping participants with knowledge and ideas for the upcoming Rotary year.



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

O.P.Todi

9 Mar

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