

SHAMBHAVI

April, 2026

R.I Club No: 85847 Date of Charter : 26.05.2014 Meeting Day : Saturday, Time : 7 pm
Meeting Venue : “Danica”, 4th Floor, 37, Ballygunge 1st Lane, Kolkata – 700 019,
President: Rtn. Anita Bagaria, Secretary: Rtn. Ruby Ray, Editor: Rtn. Srabonee Mitra

Rotary International President's Message for the Month of April



Not long ago, in a small health center in the village of Aaye in southwest Nigeria, a woman arrived in labor carrying twins. The facility was short-staffed. The nurse midwife in charge was not present.

A community health worker stepped forward. She had participated in Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale initiative. And though she was not formally trained as a midwife, she was equipped with essential emergency obstetric skills.

Hours later, both babies had been delivered, one at the health center and the other at a general hospital, where the mother had been referred after complications were quickly identified. The newborns and their mother were alive and safe.

Women around the world face similar circumstances every day — moments when the difference between life and loss depends on well-trained medical staff and reliable systems and procedures.

Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria exists to increase the chances that those moments end in hope. By strengthening health systems and training frontline workers, this program helps communities

protect mothers and children even when circumstances are difficult.

This work reflects the very heart of Rotary service. Service is not only what we do when conditions are ideal. It is what we do when systems are strained, resources are limited, and the need is urgent. It is the commitment to prepare people before a crisis arrives and to stand with communities when it does.

Maternal and child health is not an abstract goal. It is deeply personal. It is a mother who survives childbirth. It is a newborn who takes a first breath. It is a family that remains whole because someone was trained, ready, and cared enough to act. Rotary understands that service means investing in people and systems long before they are tested.

Programs like Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria show what is possible when Rotary brings together local knowledge, global partnerships, and sustainable solutions. By working alongside health professionals and local leaders, Rotary helps ensure that lifesaving care does not depend on luck or location.

The story of the mother and her twins is at its core a story of service. It is a reminder that Rotary's impact is measured in human moments when people step forward to help others in their most vulnerable hours.

When we *Unite for Good*, service becomes more than an ideal. It becomes a lifeline for families, a source of strength for communities, and a promise that Rotary will continue to go wherever help is needed most.

RYLA AT ROTARY CLUB OF PORTBLAIR, ANDAMAN



Rtn. Srabonee Mitra was assigned by the District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri to extend her expertise and support to help RC Port Blair to organize a RYLA Camp. She was present at the camp as a Representative of the District Governor from 17-19 April, 2026.



Rtn. Tanni Chaudhuri is performing at the Bengali New Year Celebration "Baishakhi Sandhyay" organized by RID 3291 on 24th April, 2026 at Urbana Club House. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra and Rtn. Ruby Ray from the club attended the event.

TRAINING PROGRAMS ATTENDED BY RTN. RUBY RAY, PRESIDENT ELECT



RLI Multi District Training at Goa



RLI Post Graduation

Special Achievement



Rtn. Ruby Ray was invited to Didi No. 1 (Zee Bangla) as a woman entrepreneur and she became the winner.

DISTRICT TEAM LEARNING SEMINAR (DTLS)

District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS) held on 5th April, 2026 at Spring Club. Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose and Rtn. Gita Sarkar from RC Calcutta Samaritans attended the Seminar as the District Committee Members.



April is Environment Month & April 22 is Earth Day

In April, Rotary shines a global spotlight on one of the most urgent challenges of our time: the health of our environment.

Designated as Environment Month, this is a time for Rotary clubs worldwide to renew their commitment to sustainability, conservation, and climate resilience. And while Rotary has long worked in water, sanitation, and disease prevention, our focus on the environment affirms something deeper—that the well-being of people is inseparable from the well-being of our planet.

From reforestation efforts to zero-waste initiatives, from clean energy to clean water, Rotarians are already leading the way. These aren't just service projects—they're acts of hope, justice, and compassion. They're our promise to future generations that we will leave the Earth better than we found it.

Environmental stewardship is not a luxury—it's a responsibility. As People of Action, we understand that lasting peace and prosperity are impossible without ecological balance.

This April, let us serve with open hearts and sustainable hands. Let's plant, protect, educate, and advocate—for the soil, the seas, the skies, and every life they nourish.

Because when we care for the Earth, we care for humanity.

“Rendezvous II”- 3rd Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Governors (Admn), Zonal Secretaries Meet held on 25th April, 2026 at Haldiram Banques. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra, Assistant Governor, attended the event from our club.

Birthday : Rtn. Shikha Purkayastha – 26th April

