

SHAMBHAVI

12th Installation Ceremony

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Francesco Arezzo
R I President
2025-26



WELCOME
District Governor
Rtn (Dr.) Ramendu Homchaudhuri
and First Lady Bandana at the
12th Installation Ceremony

President's Message

Respected dignitaries, fellow Rotarians, dear guests, friends, and my cherished family,

Namaskar and good evening.

Today, as I stand before you as the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans, I feel a wave of gratitude and quiet resolve. It is truly an honour to lead this remarkable club — a collective of passionate, selfless individuals committed to creating meaningful change.

I thank the outgoing President and team for their hard work and unwavering dedication. Your efforts have laid a strong foundation that I hope to build upon with humility and heart.

Our Theme – “Unite for Good”

This year, we embrace the Rotary theme “Unite for Good.” A call to come together — across differences, across geographies, across generations — to do something that matters. It reminds us that unity is not just about standing together, but about moving forward together — for causes that touch lives, uplift communities, and build hope.

As Rotarians, we already live this ideal. Whether we are working in Kolkata or Kenya, Bankura or Brazil — we are united by one mission: Service Above Self.

A Personal Note – And a Promise

When I first joined Rotary, I remember attending a service event in a rural area. A young girl came up, held my hand, and said, “Didi, will you come again?” That simple moment stayed with me. Because it reminded me — impact is not always loud; sometimes it is the quiet ripple of care, of showing up, again and again.

I carry that spirit with me today — and I promise to lead not from the head alone, but with empathy, vision, and courage.

Our Focus: Thalassemia Awareness

This year, our signature project will focus on Thalassemia — a silent yet widespread genetic disorder affecting thousands of children across India.

Tragically, many families remain unaware until it's too late. But the hopeful

truth is this — Thalassemia is preventable through education, early screening, and collective support.

We will take action through:

- Awareness drives in schools, colleges, and communities
- Free carrier screening camps in partnership with medical institutions
- Blood donation networks for Thalassemia patients
- Counselling sessions for young couples and affected families

Let us be the voice for those unheard. Let us be the bridge between awareness and action.

Rotary Goals – Global Vision, Local Roots

Alongside this focus, we will actively contribute to Rotary International's key areas:

- Health through camps and preventive programs
- Education through scholarships, mentoring and digital literacy
- Women & youth empowerment through skills and livelihood support
- Environmental sustainability through tree plantations and green initiatives
- Peacebuilding through dialogues and community harmony projects

This year, we will also emphasize collaboration with other clubs, NGOs, and local bodies — because true impact is always a shared journey.

Gratitude

To my fellow Rotarians — thank you for trusting me. I may wear the President's badge, but I am one among you — a learner, a worker, a fellow dreamer.

To my family and friends — thank you for being my quiet strength. Your belief in me allows me to believe more deeply in others.

In Closing

The world is large, but our hearts can be larger.
The needs are many, but our collective goodwill is greater.
Let us step into this Rotary year with hands ready to work and hearts ready to heal.
Because when we unite for good — when we serve together, dream together, and lift together —
We not only change lives... we change the world.

Thank you.
Jai Hind. Jai Rotary.
Anita Bagaria

President - RC Calcutta Samaritan 2025-26

IPP's Report

Respected DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri 1st Lady Bandana Homchaudhuri DGND Purnendu Roychowdhury and all dignitaries of District 3291, my fellow Rotarians, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you all to the 2025-26 Installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans. I especially welcome the Incoming President and the team to a great Rotary Year to work under the able guidance of our District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

I am proud to be a Rotarian at the first place. I am also most honored and humbled to act as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans 2024-25, and with the help and support of my Board members and fellow Club members, I could perform and tried to give my best to meet the challenges. Our Club has been built on a strong leadership foundation and I am fortunate to have a membership that is fully committed to the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self and continues to go the extra a mile in building the club and carrying out many worthwhile projects that we undertake for the benefit of our Community. Let me again take this opportunity to congratulate incoming President Rtn Anita Bagaria and her Board for a very successful year ahead.

Sutapa Dutta
IPP RC Calcutta Samaritans

1st July, 2025 - Co-Host Blood Donaton Camp at Rotary Sadan



On 1st July, 2025 - Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans participated as Co-host in the Blood Donation arranged by District 3291 for Thalassemia patients at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata.

13th July, 2025 - Seminar on Emotional Management

13th July, 2025 - Mother and Child Health Check-up Camp organised by RC Calcutta Samaritans at Ultadanga in association with Samaritan Welfare Foundation run by Mr. Pradip Mondal. Medical team partner Behala Balanondo Brahmachari Hospital and Research Center.

The camp successfully concluded with 61 beneficiaries comprised of both Mothers and Children.



15th July, 2025 - Seminar on Emotional Management

RC Calcutta Samaritans organized a Seminar on "Emotional Management" for students of Classes IX–XII at Jodhpur Park Girls School, and it was a great success.

Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose conducted the session with grace, clarity, and compassion. Her engaging presentation and warm interaction made the students feel at ease and encouraged them to open up. From hesitant beginnings to confident sharing, the transformation was heartwarming.



22nd July, 2025 - Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans Leads Youth-Centric Awareness Drive on Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer

As part of its continuous efforts to promote health literacy and preventive care, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans, in association with the Interact Club of Aditya Academy Sr. Secondary, Dumdum, hosted a Panel Discussion on the Prevention of Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer.

The event opened with a lamp-lighting ceremony, an inspirational song, and a lively dance performance by the students, reflecting the spirit of unity and awareness.

The panel brought together noted experts in the field:

Dr. Prantar Chakrabarti, Mentor, Life Beyond Cancer

Mr. Utpal Panda, Hon. Secretary, Thalassemia Society of India

The session was skillfully moderated by Mr. Subhojit Roy, Media Strategist and Public Relations Chair, Rotary District 3291

Through engaging dialogue, the speakers addressed the significance of screening, genetic counseling, and the HPV vaccination in disease prevention. The session was highly informative, with students showing commendable enthusiasm and curiosity.

Principal Ms. Meghna Ghoshal welcomed all dignitaries and lauded the initiative as a vital step towards youth engagement in health education.

Ms. Sampa Chowdhuri, Chair, District Thalassemia Committee, delivered the concluding remarks, stressing the need for awareness programs in educational institutions to break the stigma and ignorance surrounding such diseases.

Rotarian Vaijayanti Bose and Ms. Anita Bagaria, President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans, praised the student-led initiative and affirmed the club's ongoing support for youth-focused community health efforts.

The Rotary Club also acknowledged the gracious presence of Ms. Kasturi Kejriwal, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Sabita Saha, Director-Academics, from the Aditya Group, whose encouragement and support played a vital role in the success of the program.

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कोलकाता, 24 जुलाई | युवाओं में स्वास्थ्य जागरूकता बढ़ाने की एक सशक्त पहल के तहत, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता समैरिटन ने थैलेसीमिया सोसाइटी ऑफ इंडिया के सहयोग से 22 जुलाई, 2025 को आदित्य अकादमी सोनियर सेकेंडरी, दमदम में थैलेसीमिया और सर्वाइकल कैंसर पर केंद्रित एक प्रभावशाली कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया, जो दो रोकथाम योग्य लेकिन गंभीर स्वास्थ्य समस्याएँ हैं। स्कूल के इंटीग्रेट क्लब के सहयोग से आयोजित इस कार्यशाला में कक्षा 9 से 12 तक के छात्र शामिल हुए। कार्यशाला की शुरुआत थैलेसीमिया पर गहन चर्चा के साथ हुई, जो एक आनुवंशिक रक्त विकार है जिसका पता एक साधारण रक्त परीक्षण से लगाया जा सकता है। थैलेसीमिया सोसाइटी ऑफ इंडिया के मानद सचिव उत्पल पांडा ने गंभीर थैलेसीमिया से पीड़ित बच्चों के जन्म को रोकने के लिए, खासकर शादी से पहले, प्रारंभिक जांच के महत्व पर जोर दिया। एनआरएस मेडिकल कॉलेज एवं अस्पताल के पूर्व विभागाध्यक्ष और प्रसिद्ध रक्त रोग विशेषज्ञ डॉ. प्रान्तर चक्रवर्ती ने सर्वाइकल कैंसर पर व्याख्यान दिया, जो एक ऐसी बीमारी है जिसे एचपीवी वैक्सीन और नियमित जांच के माध्यम से प्रभावी ढंग से रोका जा सकता है। हालांकि अक्सर इस बात को नज़रअंदाज़ कर दिया जाता है, लेकिन इस सत्र में इस बात पर जोर दिया गया कि कैसे प्रारंभिक शिक्षा और टीकाकरण जीवन बचा सकते हैं। इस अवसर पर रोटरी इमेज के जिला अध्यक्ष रोटैरियन सुभोजित रॉय और जिला थैलेसीमिया समिति की रोटैरियन सम्पा चौधरी भी उपस्थित थीं। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता समैरिटन की अध्यक्ष रोटैरियन अनीता बागरिया ने बताया कि "थैलेसीमिया और सर्वाइकल कैंसर, दोनों ही रोकथाम योग्य हैं। हमारा मानना है कि ज्ञान ही शक्ति है और आज के छात्रों को अपने घरों और समुदायों में स्वास्थ्य और तंदुरुस्ती के पैरोकार बनना चाहिए।" इस कार्यक्रम ने न केवल छात्रों को शिक्षित किया, बल्कि उन्हें निवारक स्वास्थ्य सेवा का दूत बनने के लिए सशक्त भी बनाया। यह एक ऐसी पीढ़ी के निर्माण की दिशा में एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम था जो थैलेसीमिया-मुक्त और कैंसर-जागरूक भविष्य के लिए जागरूक, सक्रिय और प्रतिबद्ध हो।



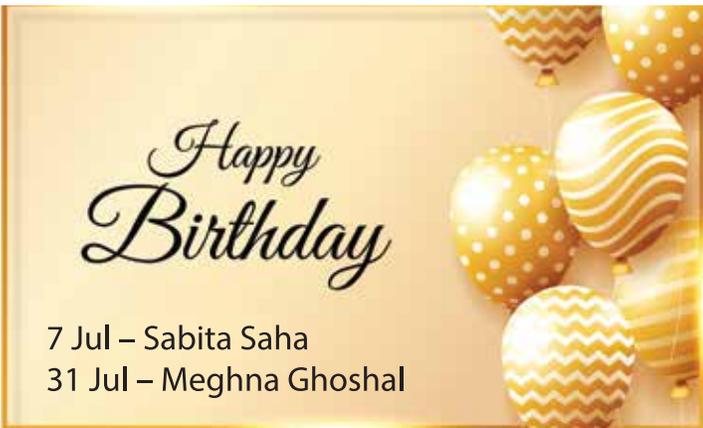
26th July 2025 - Mangrove Day Project at Sunderban

Plantation of mangrove saplings, awareness campaign, and interaction with local communities.

In celebration of International Mangrove Day, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans is proud to take up a green initiative aimed at preserving one of nature's most vital ecosystems — the Sunderbans mangroves.

This environmental project is our step towards combating climate change, preventing coastal erosion, and protecting biodiversity. Join us as we plant hope — one sapling at a time.

Let's unite for nature, let's serve to protect what protects us.



Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans celebrates Mangrove Day at Sunderban

EOI CORRESPONDENT (Higher Secondary) Vidyapith on 26.07.2024 as Sunderban is the largest Mangrove ecosystem in the World.

KOLKATA, JULY 27/--/Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans under the Rotary Rtn Sutapa Dutta, Rtn Jayashree Chatterjee, Rtn Gita Sarkar of Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans along with the school children of Chuprihara Kumirmari Adivasi Free Primary School, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal and Nolgordham Baikuntha (Higher Secondary) Vidyapith and local residents planted the saplings in the respective school premises with big enthusiasm. Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans also distributed a good amount of rich environmental saplings of fruits, flowers, mangrove trees to the school authority. Rtn Dutta and Rtn Gita Sarkar delivered a valuable speech on Mangrove Ecosystem and their importance in the World to protect from natural calamity and environment pollution.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SAMARITANS at the Changeover Ceremony of RID 3291 on 1st July 2025 at National Library Bhasa Bhawan