

# SHAMBHAVI

**November 2025**

R.I Club No: 85847 : Date of Charter : 26.05.2014 : Meeting Day : Saturday, Time : 7 pm  
Meeting Venue : “Danica”, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 37, Ballygunge 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Kolkata – 700 019,  
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## Rotary International President's Message for the Month of November



**FRANCESCO AREZZO**  
President, Rotary International

This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics - it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peace builders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are

planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster - these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

## Obituary

With a heavy heart, we inform you that our newest member Rtn. Biman Mukherjee, who was inducted at the District Membership Seminar on 31.08.2025 left for his heavenly abode on 09.11.2025. We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family and pray his soul rests in Peace.

## SANHATI RYLA FOR THE TRIBAL YOUTH



Following the glorious success of "SANHATI RYLA for the Tribal Youth" for the last seven years, this year too, RC Calcutta Samaritans with support of 27 Rotary Clubs of RID 3291 organized the RYLA at Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School, Bhagaband, Poabagan Road, Bankura, West Bengal, 722 146 on 6th, 7th and 8th November, 2025. "SANHATI" RYLA for the tribal youth is a signature and sustaining project of the club. We explore the leadership potential and hidden talents of the underprivileged tribal young boys & girls in various parts of West Bengal through this Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program. On 6th November, 2025 the event was inaugurated at 4.00 PM in gracious presence of PDG Prabir Chatterjee, District Secretary Coordination Rtn. Sandip Banerjee, Assistant Governor Service Rtn. Sampa Chowdhury, District RYLA Chair Rtn. Timir Roy, Zonal Secretary Rtn. Biswajit Saha and many other District Officials and Rotarian friends. District Governor Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri along with First lady Rtn. Bandana Homchaudhuri and few members from his club joined us later in the evening. A total 50 young tribal boys and girls from Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School and Rajgram Vivekananda Hindu Vidyalaya participated in this 3-day residential camp held at Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School. Rtn. Dr. Homchaudhuri brought Ms. Piyali Basak, a School Teacher, who achieved the historic feat of becoming the first Indian woman to scale Mt. Everest without supplemental oxygen. Her inspiring session with incredible mountaineering experience and her efforts to fulfil the dream highly motivated the participants in this RYLA Camp.

Various sessions viz. Ethics & Values in Leadership, Communication Skills including Public Speaking, Problem Solving and Peace Building, Collaboration and Team Building, Social Justice and Advocacy, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Identifying and Addressing Community Needs, Mental Health, Purpose in life and how to set up a Goal and create a Study Plan, Thalassemia and its Preventive Measures & Awareness, Cervical Cancer and its remedial measures, Hygiene and Nutrition etc. The leadership qualities of the participants were adjudged through various competitions viz. Extempore, Skit, Talent Hunt, Creative Art, overall discipline, participation in interactive sessions etc. and awards were given for group performances and individual achievements. Best Camper (Male & Female), Outstanding Camper and Best Group Prizes were also given to encourage their efforts. PDG Rtn. Shyamasree Sen, DGE Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya and many Rotarians attended this event all the way from Kolkata. This transformative initiative brought together enthusiastic youth participants from diverse backgrounds to cultivate leadership skills, teamwork, and the spirit of service which is the very essence of Rotary's motto the "Service Above Self."

### Cervical Cancer Awareness Session



A separate Session was arranged at the SANHATI RYLA with around 300 senior girl students of Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School Bankura for a Cervical Cancer Awareness. The speaker was our own Rtn. Chitra Mondal of RC Calcutta Jadavpur, a Scientist, who is working on this issue. The session was very interesting and successful as the participants were very responsive and took active participation to overcome various doubts through their interactions with the speaker. We shall arrange a free vaccination for 200 students in future.

### Thalassemia Rally with 1200 students at Bankura for a Mass Awareness



A Thalassemia Awareness Mass Rally was conducted on 6th November, 2025 by Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans with more than 1200 students from Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High Schools (both Bengali and English Medium) along with the Principal, around 50 (fifty) teachers and staff. The members of RC Calcutta Samaritans joined in this rally with Rotarians and District Officials from many other Rotary Clubs of RID 3291. A huge number of students walked with Thalassemia Placards, Banners & continuous awareness slogans for the safety measures to eradicate this menacing disease from our Country. Announcements were also done from a running auto wrapped with Thalassemia Awareness Banners to catch the attention of the public on roads. The rally started at 11.00 AM from the main gates of both the schools and initially walked through National High Way and then entered into the by lanes to cross many localities inside within a 5-7 km radius around the school. It was indeed a very successful initiative and a grand result to spread the awareness messages by the children for a Thalassemia Free World outside the Kolkata. We thank the Principal, DM, BDO and local OC for giving us the permission of this huge rally in Bankura.

## Pre Children's Day Celebration with the residents of Marang Buru Chacho Ashram

Members of RC Calcutta Samaritans celebrated Children's Day with the residents of Marang Buru Chacho Ashram, located near the picturesque Sushunia Hills in Bankura District on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2025. The ashram houses orphaned and underprivileged children, and the celebration was organized to bring them moments of joy, love, and encouragement. The event was marked by laughter, fun, and heartfelt interactions between the Rotarians and the children. Rtn. Shraddha Chhabra generously donated beautiful pencil boxes and water bottles and Rtn. Shaloo Chhabra and Rtn. Sharat Chhabra contributed Cadbury Chocolates, Cakes, Pencils, and Erasers for all the children. We are thankful to our members who voluntarily came forward with the donations which helped our Club to organize such a memorable moment to touch more than a hundred little hearts. The smiles and happiness on the faces of 102 (one hundred & two) children of the ashram were the rewards of the members who were present in this project.



## Celebration of Children's Day at the Calcutta Medical College Hospital



On 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 Children's Day Celebration was celebrated for the first time at the Calcutta Medical College Hospital. Initiatives were taken by the volunteers of LBC Help Desk of Calcutta Medical College Hospital in association with the "Can Kids", which is another NGO working to support the Paediatric Cancer patients in various Government Hospitals. The program was held at the Seminar Hall (5<sup>th</sup> floor of Mother & Child Hub Building). "Can

Kids" helped us by providing the list of survivors. The volunteers put their efforts to contact everyone for inviting them in this colourful event. The program started at 11.30 AM with the speeches of Principal, Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, Head of Department Oncology, Mother & Child Hub and other dignitaries present there. A beautiful cultural program with dances, songs and recitations were presented by the survivors and warriors (who are still under treatment). A Storytelling play enacted by the team of Rtn. Poushali Paul and last but not least the Magic Show & Puppet Show was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The children were given the food packets and gifts sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur and Rotary Club of Mahanagar respectively. The Magic Show was sponsored by RC Calcutta Samaritans. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra, who is the In-charge of LBC Help Desk at Kolkata Medical College Hospital organized the Magic Show on behalf of our Club.

**Regular Meeting of RC Calcutta Samaritans followed by Second Club Assembly & Hi-Tea hosted by Rtn. Srabonee Mitra**



Rtn. Ruby Ray, Secretary, on behalf of RC Calcutta Samaritans, is receiving an UV with Copper Zinc Model Water Purifier and a Ceiling Fan at no cost from Rotary Club of Calcutta under their Project Pranadhara – IV.

Rtn. Srabonee Mitra, AG, on behalf of RC Calcutta Samaritans, is receiving two Sewing Machines under the Project Atmanirbhar – III & two Wheel Chairs at no cost from Rotary Club of Calcutta.

**Proud Moment of RC Calcutta Samaritans**



Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose participated in Didi No.1

**Birthday Celebration of IPP Rtn. Sutapa Dutta**



**Grand Rotary Foundation Seminar**

Rotary Foundation Seminar held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at Spring Club from 6.30 PM. PRID Rtn. Ashok Mahajan and Shri Leander Paes, Lawn Tennis Icon & Olympian were invited as the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.

**Forthcoming District Events -**

- RLI Part III on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 at Rotary Sadan from 9.00 AM
- Multi District Public Image Seminar at Durgapur on December 07, 2025.
- "Rendezvous" – 2<sup>nd</sup> Presidents, Secretaries, AGs and ZSs Meet at Rotary Sadan on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 6 PM followed by Hi-Tea No Registration.
- District Conference "Ramdhanu" to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at East Pavillion, Nicco Park – Registration Rs.3,000/- till 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2025.

