

S H A M B H A V I

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Meeting Venue : "Danica", 4th Floor, 37, Ballygunge 1st Lane, Kolkata – 700 019,
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Rotary International President's Message for the Month of October



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President, Rotary International

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership.

Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve. Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India — and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust — to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The

project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

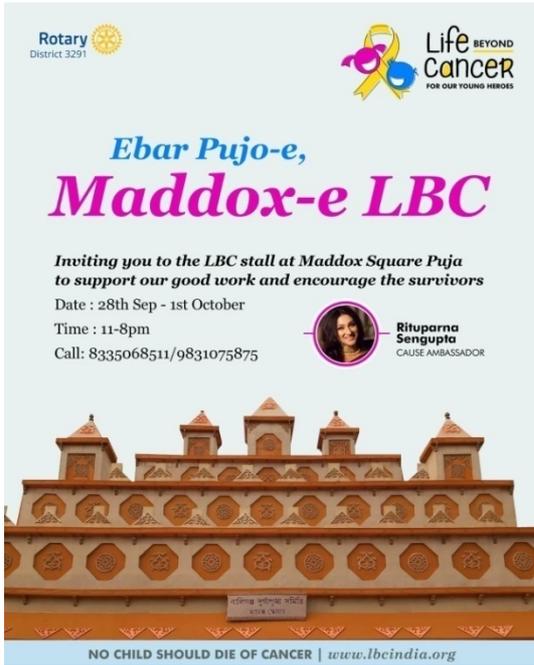
This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity — whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programs — we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families, and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.



It is heartening to inform you that Z Bangla provided a free stall to Rotary Life Beyond Cancer Team at the Maddox Square Puja Ground. Rotarians from various Rotary Clubs under Rotary International District 3291 volunteered their services during the Durga Puja Festival at the LBC Stall in Maddox Square to support and encourage the Cancer Survivors. The handcraft items made by the Cancer Survivors were exhibited and sold in this stall. The amount collected by selling the items was given to the concerned Cancer Survivors. Renowned Bengali Actress Mrs. Rituparna Sengupta visited the stall to encourage this endeavour. DG, IPDG, DGE, DGN and many Rotarians visited the stall and supported the cause. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra represented RC Calcutta Samaritans by volunteering her services at the stall for all four days of the Puja.



Siksha Labh III



To celebrate Literacy Month, Rotary Club of Calcutta handed over 80 desktop computers under the Project Siksha Labh III to various Rotary Clubs, who applied for the same, on 25th September, 2025. President Rtn. Anita Bagaria of RC Calcutta Samaritans applied for two desktop Computers to donate at the Institute of Social Work, a Vocational Centre at Mominpur for training of the underprivileged young boys and girls.

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say or do ... Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



The global effort to eradicate polio has achieved a 99% reduction in cases since 1988, but the disease has not been fully eliminated. Wild poliovirus transmission is currently confined to just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership of the WHO, UNICEF, CDC, Rotary International, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, continues to implement strategies to reach every last child. The goal is to interrupt all poliovirus transmission permanently and transition to the exclusive use of the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) to eliminate the risk of vaccine-derived cases. RID 3291 encourages all the Rotary Clubs to exhibit the "End Polio" Banners at the Puja Pandals during the Durga Puja Festival for a mass awareness and at the same time making Public Image of the Rotary. RC Calcutta Samaritans exhibited its banners in three different Puja Pandals an initiative by Rtn. Sutapa Dutta, at Hati Bagan (North Kolkata), Rtn. Gita Sarkar (at Victoria Green Complex, Garia and Ramkrishna Nagar Boys Club Sarbojonin Durgotsav, Garia) for wide public image and awareness.



“এ বিশ্বকে এ শিশুর বাসযোগ্য করে যাব আমি নব জাতকের কাছে এ আমার দৃঢ় অঙ্গীকার”



Birthday Celebration of the Club President Rtn. Anita Bagaria at the Club Meeting on 18th October



District Events held in this month:

- RLI Part I - on 11th October, 2025 at Rotary Sadan from 9.00 AM. Registration Rs.1,200/-
- RLI Part II – on 12th October, 2025 at Rotary Sadan from 9.00 AM. Registration Rs.1,200/-
- Urgent Meeting of the Assistant Governors with the District Governor on 15th October, 2025 at Saturday Club from 6.00 PM
- World Polio Day Celebration on 24th October, 2025. Morning Session with Polio Awareness Rally and Evening Session with eminent speakers and cultural program at Rotary Sadan Auditorium from 4.00 PM onwards.

District Event to be held:

- Roshni – District Bijoya & Diwali Meet on 1st November, 2025 from 6.00 PM at Wet-O-Wild Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. Registration Rs.1,500/-

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Like every year, this year too, under the great leadership of Rtn. Barnali Banerjee, RC Calcutta Harmony organized a beautiful cultural program on Agomoni uniting 24 (twenty four) other Rotary Clubs of RID 3291. After the lighting of the lamp, recitation by the First Lady of the District 3291 Rtn. Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri and speeches of the dignitaries, Rtn. Barnali Banerjee depicted the theme "Matri Bandana" which was very nicely choreographed by her mother Rtn. Reba Roy. The program was divided into three parts. The first part of the program started with the song "Vande Mataram" to pay our homage to Sahitya Samrat Shri Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay on his 150th birth anniversary. Shri Jaydeep Chattopadhyay, the great grandson of Shri Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, who is also a renowned author, graced the evening with his valued presence. His speech and the recitation made the evening more precious. The second part of the program was the dance drama "Shantirupeno Sansthita", which was Mahisasuramardini and symbolized the triumph of good over evil, peace over conflicts, divine power over demonic forces, and spiritual awakening over ignorance. The last part of the program was "Sangitanusthan – Sharad Arghya" on FM Radio. This program was very efficiently executed by RJ Rtn. Debasis Banerjee and the songs sung by our Rotarians also touched the hearts of the audience. The entire program was highly appreciated. This was a Peace Fellowship Program of RID 3291. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra from RC Calcutta Samaritans participated in the cultural programs and our club supported this event as Associate Co-host.



"Outreach Mission Meet Up Series" initiated by Public Image Committee of District 3291 on 15th October, 2025 at the ICCR, Kolkata from 6.30 PM onwards. The Committee recognized the Champions who took an active role in the Thalassemia –Free-India Campaign. On behalf of RC Calcutta Samaritans, Rtn. Ruby Ray, Club Secretary, attended the event and was felicitated by the Committee. RC Calcutta Samaritans acknowledges with heartfelt thanks for the continuous support of Rtn. Subhojit Roy to conduct all the Thalassemia seminars organized by the Club during this Rotary Year 2025-2026.

