

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. Sutapa Dutta

Rotary International President's Message for the Month of September



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*President, Rotary
International*

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that

change. This month, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is *Unite for Good*. "Unite" speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new

members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you're building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter.

Education is also peace building. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century.

Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it's about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege. Let's *Unite for Good* by committing to literacy that lasts. Let's dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let's work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we *Unite for Good*.



**Basic Education
& Literacy Month**

Teachers' Day Celebration with the members of the club at Regular Meeting



The Regular Meeting of RC Calcutta Samaritans was followed by Teachers' Day Celebration on 13th September, 2025 through felicitations of the members who are education fields and Birthday of Rtn. Vaijayanti Bose.

Seminar on "Mental Wellness" & "Healthy Life Style"



A Seminar on "Mental Health" & "Healthy Life Style" was conducted at Aditya Academy Senior Secondary School, an Interact Club of RC Calcutta Samaritans, on 18th September, 2025 from 12.00 Noon onwards. The Session was very efficiently and interestingly conducted by the Guest Speaker Rtn. Sourish Chowdhury from RC Calcutta Newbies in an interactive way. The students were very spontaneous and took active participation by sharing their ideas and thoughts.

Felicitations of the Adult Learners



The Adult Learners of Dum Dum Park Slum Area who have successfully completed and passed the examination of the Adult Literacy Program conducted in the last Rotary Year by RC Calcutta Samaritans in support of Mr. Pradip Mondal through his NGO, were felicitated with Certificates, Medals and Sweets on 18th September, 2025.

Seminar on “Mental Wellness” & “Healthy Life Style” Teachers’ Day



Another “Mental Wellness” & Healthy Life Style” Seminar was conducted by RC Calcutta Samaritans at Alipore Girls and Boys High School, Thakurpukur on 22nd September, 2025 from 2.00 PM onwards. The Guest Speaker was Rtn. Sourish Chowdhury from RC Calcutta Newbies. Total numbers of students were 126.

Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar

RC Calcutta Samaritans supported the Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar organized by Rotary Club of Behala, as a Co-host Club. Rtn. Srabonee Mitra attended the Seminar and received the Certificate of Appreciation for supporting the cause. The program was very successful with meaningful discussions by the renowned physicians.



"Binamrata" – Letter Writing Contest



Two Students of Alipore Girls and Boys School, Thakurpukur, an Interact Club of RC Calcutta Samaritans won prizes in the Letter Writing Contest for Classes IX & X under the "Binamrata", a Literacy Project of Rotary International District 3291.

District Membership Seminar

It was a proud moment of RC Calcutta Samaritans that on 31st August, 2025 at the Membership Seminar of RID 3291 held at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture two new members Smt. Prabha Srivastava and Shri Biman Mukherjee were inducted by the District Governor in presence of the District Membership Team. The proposers of the new members Rtn. Gita Sarkar and Rtn. Srabonee Mitra were also recognized by the District Governor.

Proud Moments of RC Calcutta Samaritans



RC Calcutta Samaritans was recognized in the District Award Ceremony for the following projects. Rtn. Sutapa Dutta has been recognized as Outstanding President and Rtn. Srabonee Mitra as Outstanding Assistant Governor.
1st Prize - Maternal & Child Health
3rd Prize - RYLA, 3rd Prize - Cancer
Received RI Citation, District Citation

Birthdays of Members in September

1st - Shraddha Chhabra
23rd - Prof. Dr. Jayanta Chatterjee
24th - Vaijayanti Bose
29th - Tanni Chowdhuri