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RAMDHANU Rotary District Conference 2026



He is the second Indian to hold the top post in Lions International. His mantra "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead". RIDN Gurjeet S. Sekhon (2027-29) of zone 4, an acclaimed learning facilitator at Rotary International Assemblies and training programmes was present as a special guest. PRIP Sekhar Mehta

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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Capt. Sunondo Sen

He will speak about the Happy School being sponsored by RCCV and 5 other Rotary Clubs

The annual District Conference (2026) was held from 9th to 11th January 2026 at the spacious venue of East pavilion, Nicco Park. The place was colourfully done up with banners, stalls at one side, while on the other the club exhibits were displayed showcasing projects done by the clubs in the past 6 months. Inside the hall serious business were conducted with eminent speakers from various vocation addressing different sessions. The conference was formally

inaugurated on 10th January 2026 with usual fanfare, flag march and lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest. RIPR this year was PDG N. S. Saravanan of RID 3234. The chief guest at the inaugural session was Mr. A.P. Singh, President Lions International (25-26).



Francesco Arezzo
RI President
2025-2026



Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury
District Governor
2025-2026



Capt Arnab Sen
President
2025-2026



Kashmiri Marwah
Secretary
2025-2026



Sudipta Sen
Treasurer
2025-2026



was the guest of honour. Chief guest, guest of honour and others delivered inspirational speeches.

In Session 1, IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta received the IPDG pin from DG Dr. R. Homchaudhury.

The highlight of the session was a powerful and motivational speech by Ambassador Deepak Vohra, who is special advisor in Lesatho, Guinea-Bissau & South Sudan as well as autonomous hill councils in Kargil & Leh and speaks 9 languages.' Son of Bharat' as he proudly called himself, spoke about the many achievements of India since Independence inspiring the audience in his nearly 45 minutes address. Other highlights were addresses by PDG K.A. Kuriachan Antony (RID3201) who became a District Governor at an young age of 36, and Jaiprakash Kabra - a debator and motivator. PDG Kuriachan was responsible in providing critical care ambulances in South India. The project started with 18 of them, now Rotary has 108 such ambulances in the country to cater to road accident victims. One should not force attendance on members instead create interest in meetings and projects – is the way of improving attendance in Rotary meetings, he said. Great believer in TRF he urged every one to contribute regularly. India is now the Second Highest contributor to TRF. PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar has given \$2.55 million to TRF.

Mr. Deepak Rao a stage theatre artist, concept creator, short film maker conducted an interesting session on 'Extra Sensory Perception' which was much appreciated. He gave a

live demonstration of the power of telepathy. There were sessions on Thalassaemia, Rotary's Public Image - communication and branding, by Bharat Dabholkar and presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award to

renowned paediatric surgeon, a treasure of Indian Medicine, champion of Rotary's 4-way Test Dr. Subir K. Chatterjee. Our PDG Prabhat Rohatgi was felicitated for being THE longest serving Rotarian (67 years) in RID 3291. Congratulations Prabhatda.

Day 2 on 11th January 2026 started with presentation of District accounts by IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. This was followed by various interesting sessions. Session on Artificial Intelligence by a 16 year old child prodigy Raul Jon Aju (AI kid of India) and Prof. Amlan Chakrabarti, Director school of info tech. Kolkata, drew a packed house. They shared their knowledge and expertise on growing trend of AI, its ethics and usage in daily life.

Session on National Security Guard & terrorism was a motivational one. Mr. Dipanjan Chakraborty took the audience through his personal life experiences and related incidents which were mind boggling to hear and the transformation he went through because of this role. An enlightening

session on 'Cardiac Care' conducted by Dr. Nirmal Joshi and Dr. Renu Joshi who spent their life in research and development in the field of heart attacks. They have released a book and a movie called "Brown Heart" on cardiac conditions of South Asians. Dr. Mrs. Soma Mukhopadhaya, cardiologist also contributed to the discussion. This session was chaired by IPDG DR. Krishnendu Gupta. There was also a panel discussion on Sustainable Environment, session on End Polio Now (The Final Mile) and the all important Annual Giving. The 3 AKS members of RID 3291, namely Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Dr. Sourav Khemani & Rtn. Bhagwan Das were felicitated. The last session of the day was on Interact. (Ignite the Future). The young brigade gave a scintillating performance loved by one and all.

There was entertainment in the evening and a laser show on 11th January. This year stalls were set up for purchasing food and beverage of one's choice and the spacious sun drenched garden where tables and chairs were laid out was the centre for catching up with friends and relaxing. Artists had been invited to perform which added to the ambience. All in all a wonderful conference. Victorians who attended were President Capt. Arnab Sen, Vinita Dutt, Chhanda Banerji, Sakshi Harlalka, Dr. Bhaswati Roy and Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.

Input by Chhanda Banerji and Sakshi Harlalka



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AT BRINDAKHALI



A combined project of blanket distribution to combat the chill of winter and 10 portable commodes, took place on Sunday 18th January 2026. The 55 blankets given to elderly people were donated by Rtn. Subhojit Sinha Roy and PP



Vinita Dutt. The portable commodes were donated by Rtn. Sudipta Sen. PP Gayatree Dhar organised the whole programme. Members who attended were Gayatree Dhar, Vinita Dutt and Subhojit Sinha Roy.

Eye Check up Camp



Eye Check up Camp for Cataract at RCC Kanthalberia by Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria on Sunday 4th January 2026 under the aegis of Victorian Dr O P Agarwal No.of patients - 32. Seven were detected with cataract and will undergo surgery



Senior Citizens and other inmates served lunch

On Tuesday 20th January 2026, lunch for 205 inmates of All Bengal Women's Union, Elliot Road was served at around 12:30 pm This lunch programme took place in the Old Age Home ,After Care Home ,and Shakti Sadan and then at the Childrens Home The items served to 205 inmates included rice dal, fried items or bhaja mixed vegetables dish with fresh seasonal vegetables and chutney The lunch was sponsored by Rtn Ashok Kothari in the memory of his dear mother Rth Ashok Kothari was personally present along with a few members of his family. Capt. Arnab Sen and Rtn. Sutapa Das also attended the project



Build Connection in Taipei

Make new connections and create unforgettable memories at the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei City, where traditional and contemporary culture intertwine beautifully.

Unsure what awaits you at a Rotary International Convention? Explore articles, videos, and photos from past conventions for a sense of their inspirational power. In Taipei, you'll join fellow changemakers from around the world to share innovative projects, exchange best practices, and form enduring friendships. The convention is packed with exciting breakout sessions, speakers, and more.



Discover Taipei's many charms and find more opportunities to connect by registering for the Host Organization Committee's Signature Events. Unite for good with us at the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, 13-17 June 2026.

IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta has contributed USD 500 to Polio Fund on 24th October 2025.

QUALITIES OF A LEADER

Mr. Jaiprakash Kabra, a debator & an eminent speaker made some observations at one of the sessions at the District Conference. Leaders are not born, they become leaders by virtue of hard work, talent and dedication. Leaders must know their weaknesses. One must learn – no limit to learning.' Believe in yourself, in your competency. Tap into your inner strength'. What can not be changed should be accepted with serenity. What can be changed, use courage and discipline. Have the wisdom to differentiate between the two. Love and compassion are important qualities of a good leader. He referred to the movie "Lagaan". When sessions are conducted a good leader involves everyone. Do not thrust your ideas on others but convert your idea into their idea – OUR idea, said Mr. Kabra. People who try never loses. So never 'Give Up'.

Wedding Anniversary

11th February
Lila Bhoopal and
Sree Prakash (Nandu)

15th February
Seema Danda and
Ashim

17th February
Sunita Agarwala and
Shashi

20th February
Krishna Kumar Nangalia and
Rita

23rd February
Dr. O. P. Agrawal and
Neema

Birthdays

10th February: Anuradha Goel

11th February: Col. M M Burman

14th February: K K Jha

17th February: Chandrakala Agrawal

21st February : Capt. Arnab Sen



*WORK is a GIFT.
The ability to serve is a
privilege. Making a difference
through our Vocation is the
Highest calling of all.*

– ROTARY

QUIZ

Below are a few quiz questions and their answers that were asked after the regular meeting of the club some time back.

1. Who is referred to as 'Bengal Tiger'?
2. Who is called the 'Grand Old Man' of the country?
3. Who is referred to as 'Desh Ratna' of India?
4. Who is 'Grandfather' of Cinema?
5. What does 'SIM' stand for?
6. Which is the First country to give Internet access to all citizens?
7. Which is the First country to allow all ladies to vote?
8. Which is the First country to manufacture Ice Cream?
9. 'Uri Dam' is built on which river?
10. Which was the longest running musical in New York City?

1. Bipin Chandra Paul
2. Dadabhai Naoroji
3. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
4. Dadabhai Phalke
5. Subscriber Identification Module
6. Ans. Finland
7. New Zealand
8. China
9. Jhelum river
10. Phantom of the Opera