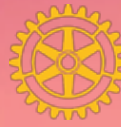


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District Governor's Visit



a moment of pride and an opportunity to showcase our club's commitment to 'service above self' as we continue to 'Unite for Good'. Arnab Sen expressed gratitude to all his seniors, team members and fellow Victorians for their dedication and

July to date was made by Club Secretary Kashmiri Marwah who was assisted by Riddhi Maheshwari and Sampreeta Maheshwari, students of Calcutta International School.

District officials were felicitated by Victorians, Mr. Debasish Banerjee, a lawyer, was inducted to the Rotary fold by the DG.

And it was time to listen to the District Governor. "No mountain is too high, every tree we plant is hope, every drop of water we save is an effort to save lives" is how the good doctor greeted the members and guests. "I salute your work in all areas of Rotary service" Now RID 3291 has 3896

The annual official visit by the District Governor took place on the evening of 11th April 2026. It is a special event for the club and like every year the occasion was celebrated with warmth and camaraderie. The venue was the Saturday Club and President Captain Arnab Sen had seen to the details. 26 members, spouses, guests and an Interactor were present for the occasion. District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and first lady Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri were welcomed by the President and Victorians. Captain Arnab Sen in his address acknowledged DG's inspiring leadership particularly in creating awareness about Thalassaemia and spearheading several other meaningful projects. DG's visit is always



passion for Rotary values. He thanked all and reaffirmed RCCV's commitment to the District goals and TRF. An excellent power point presentation highlighting the clubs activities from 1st

members. He said 3 satellite clubs have been made. He was all in favour of satellite clubs. Only 8 members needed to start one and only RI dues to be paid. he urged the members to make RCCV a 100% PHF



Francesco Arezzo
RI President
2025-2026



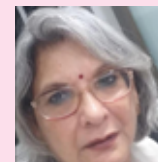
Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury
District Governor
2025-2026



Capt Arnab Sen
President
2025-2026



Kashmiri Marwah
Secretary
2025-2026



Sudipta Sen
Treasurer
2025-2026



was Col. M.M.Burman. District officials present were AG Amartya Ghosh, ZS Sharmishtha Chakraborty, District Executive Secretary Soma Kazi, D.S. Finance Ajay Kumar Agarwal, Jt. Secretary Projects Sujata Gupta and Jt. District Webmaster N. Rama Krishnan. The meeting was followed by fellowship and an excellent dinner which everyone enjoyed. The DG after a long day was relaxed and enjoyed Victorian hospitality, so much so that he stayed on for quite a

Club. One has to pay just \$400, the rest 600 points the District would provide. Year 2030 was the target date for elimination of Thalassemia. It was a huge drain on society as 60% of the blood collected go towards treatment of thalassemia patients; only 40% blood available for other needy patients. 8th May is Thalassemia Day. He requested all to support and contribute. He was elated that RC Belur was able to vaccinate 5000 young girls with cervical cancer vaccination.



Iconic Academy of Fine Arts, toilet complex and seminar hall are being restored. He appealed for donation to restore this place to its former glory. Dr. R. Homchaudhuri

was introduced by Dr. Bhaswati Roy and was felicitated by Sudipta Sen. 1st. lady Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri was felicitated by Gayatree Dhar. MC for the evening

while even after most of the guests had left. Congratulations President Arnab. Jai Victoria !!

AI IS A BANE AND NOT A BOON

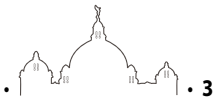


"Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a bane and Not a boon" was the topic of the debate held on Saturday 25th April 2026 at the regular meeting. Eight Interactors from 4 schools, namely Pratt Memorial, St. James, Heritage and P.B. Academic participated. They spoke eloquently and with confidence. Members and guests present listened with rapt attention as each of them put forward their views. Loss of jobs, lack of human judgement, lack of accountability, unfair decision making were what the four speakers who spoke

today's life like advancement in health care, in medicine, automated machines etc. Life is easier with AI - it has given us google. Because of AI 'Chandrayan Mission' was possible. Artificial Intelligence itself was not a problem but how one uses it accordingly it may harm or help humanity. The programme commenced with an introduction of the topic and enumeration of rules for the debate by Dr. Vibha Mehta, Chair Youth Service who organised the event. Kaushik Chaudhuri a veteran debator himself in his youth did a marvelous

For the motion highlighted. AI lacks morality too they said. The other four speakers Against the motion enumerated the advantages of AI in

job as Master of Ceremonies assisted by K.K. Nangalia as time keeper. 4 minutes were allotted to each speaker and another 2 minutes for cross questioning. The judges were Chhanda Banerji, Dr. Bhaswati Roy and Sushma Burman (spouse of Col. M.M. Burman). At the end of the debate, President Arnab Sen summed up the proceedings, congratulated all the Interactors for their excellence and rightly said that all of them deserved prizes. Aaryan Kar from Heritage School was adjudged the best speaker. The motion fell through as members present concluded with a show of hands that AI is not a bane But a boon. The participants were Laiba Ahmed and Mannat Kaur from Pratt Memorial School, Aaryan Kar and Chetana Pani from Heritage School, Ishan Pariyar and Arpita Sahoo from P.B. Academic School, Saksham Gupta and Shiven Kedia from St. James School. All participants were presented with gifts. Victorians and guests were so enthralled that none left their chair till the very end. Well done Interactors.



Eye check-up camp at RCC Kanthalberia

On Sunday, the 12th of April 2026 another eye check-up camp took place in RCC Kanthalberia. 20 people were checked for eye health. Dr O.P. Agarwal sponsored the project.



Cervical Cancer Vaccination project

On Saturday, the 18th of April, 7 young adolescent girls were given the second dose of cervical cancer vaccination at Victoria Institute. This is Rotary Club of Calcutta Victorias ongoing endeavour to prevent cervical cancer in girls. Victorian Rtn Dr Joyashree Dhar assisted in this project. Other members present were Rtn Sudipta Sen and PP Rtn Sachiv Nijhawan. The vials were provided by PP Rtn B K Agarwal.



Paediatric Cancer Treatment for 7-month old baby



On Wednesday, 22nd April, 2026, members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria, namely PP Rtn Sachiv Nijhawan, who spearheaded this noble project, Rtn Dr Joyashree Dhar and Rtn Sutapa Das, went to the Tata Memorial Centre,

Rajarhat, to meet the family of a 7-month old fatherless child suffering from B Acute Lymphoblastic leukemia. A cheque of Rs 204000 from Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria to support the child's treatment, was handed over to the

HELLO, MY NAME IS

Sachiv Nijhawan

Serial Marathon Runner

About Me

Hi! Those of you who know me know that I run (towards my goals not away from my problems silly!) In 2008 I successfully outran Leukemia and I guess I haven't stopped since!

I believe...

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

I completed...

- 21st Dec 2025: 10 km @ Tata Kolkata Marathon
- 19th Jan 2026: 4.2 km @ Tata Mumbai Marathon
- 25th Jan 2026: 10km @BMC Tata Shilpura Marathon
- 8th Feb. 2026: 10km @DBS Kalyana Marathon

I could support...

Abanika Panda - a brave cancer survivor - who is now 16 years old!

So far I have raised Rs 1 Lakh for the treatment of 16 children who are championing the disease and with your support we could have many more children!

SUPPORT NOW!

mother of the suffering child. The main contributions were from a large number of Victorians, along with family members and a few friends/well-wishers. Victorians wish the baby a complete recovery and a long life.

Speakers for Next Meeting

Sujoy Sen & Aditi Ganguly will speak on "Kolkata illumination Project and associated night tour."

Sujoy Sen is the Founder & Partner of Travel Together Everywhere, an initiative dedicated to creating immersive travel and heritage experience.

Aditi Ganguly is a partner at Travel Together Everywhere. With a keen interest in culture, people and storytelling she plays a key role in shaping experiences that are well structured and meaningful. Both are closely associated with the Kolkata illumination Project Night tour where Sujoy Sen narrates curated ex-



periences across the city's illuminated heritage landmarks with historical details with anecdotes while Aditi Ganguly contributes to the design and co-ordination. They have executed multiple heritage walks and curated journeys working with diverse groups including families, students and cultural enthusiasts thus reconnecting people with the history and identity of places in Kolkata, promoting cultural awareness and appreciation of heritage.

Induction of New Member

Dabashish Banerjee a high court lawyer was inducted in Rotary as RCCV member on 11th April 2026.

Wedding Anniversary

1st May

Siddharth Jhajharia and Hemlata

5th May

Rajendra Singh Manku and Harpreet

19th May

Sachiv Nijhawan and Archana

Birthday

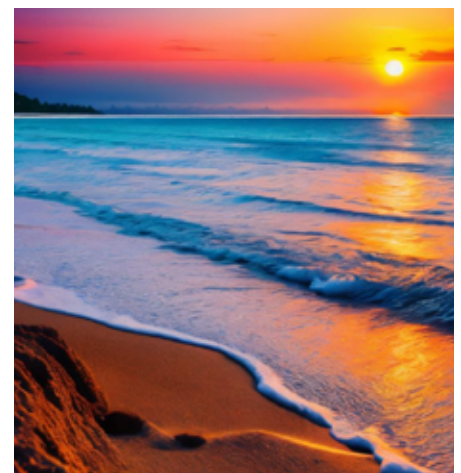
25th May:

Arvind Agrawal



INTERACTORS IN ACTION

Interactors of Pratt Memorial School celebrated labour day by sponsoring lunch for 56 auxiliary staff who work hard for the school round the year



For centuries, Japan has been lovingly known as the "Land of the Rising Sun." The phrase instantly conjures visions of crimson dawns breaking over Mount Fuji, making many believe that Japan is the very first place to greet the morning light. But that's not quite true. While the poetic title beautifully reflects Japan's cultural and geographical identity, the first rays of the sun actually shine elsewhere — on a remote island nation scattered across the central Pacific Ocean. That distinction belongs to Kiribati, the true place where the sun rises first.

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