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District Awards 2025 - Sammanan



The Awards Function, the last programme of RID 3291 of RY 2024-25 was held on Sunday 17th August 2025 at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium. There was lot of excitement at the venue. Club Presidents along with members of their clubs were there well before 3pm. The programme started on schedule and all through was efficiently conducted. Although Rotary is about 'Service above Self', awards are a recognition of the work done by the clubs. Clubs were presented with trophies/certificates for the excellent work done in the various areas of focus and the different avenues of service. Rotary Calcutta Victoria won quite a few awards for their excellent work throughout the year and supporting the District.



Kudos to President Rajnish (2024-25), his team and all Victorians. A joyous end to an year of good projects and programmes, fun filled fellowships, excellent meetings and what have you. Victorians who attended the awards function were Rajnish Mehta, Vibha Mehta, Seema Danda, Lata Bhatia, Kashmiri Marwah, K.K.Jha, Col. Man Mohan Burman, Dr. Bhaswati Ray and of course DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.



AWARDS WON

- ◆ 1st prize
Physically Challenged
Cervical Cancer Awareness & Vaccination
District Programme Support
- ◆ 2nd Prize
International Service
Vocational Service
Club Service
- ◆ 3rd Prize
Water & Sanitation
Environmental Support
- ◆ Special Recognition
Hearing Aid Project
Outstanding District Support
- ◆ Certificate of Appreciation
Bulletin
- ◆ Certificate of Appreciation
Mother and Child Care



Francesco Arezzo
RI President
2025-2026



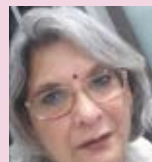
Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury
District Governor
2025-2026



Capt Arnab Sen
President
2025-2026



Kashmiri Marwah
Secretary
2025-2026



Sudipta Sen
Treasurer
2025-2026



Shampa Chakraborty
Editor
2025-2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS RCC BRINDAKHALI



President Captain Arnab Sen, Club Treasurer Rtn Sudipta Sen, PP Rtn Gayatri Dhar, and Rtn Kaushik Chaudhuri attended the Independence Day Celebration and Flag hoisting Ceremony along with a Football Tournament (Semi Finals on 14th August followed by Finals on 15th August). Rotary club of Calcutta Victoria sponsored the football tournament amongst the local teams in the RCC in Brindakhali. On the 15th of August in RCC Brindakhali, after the flag hoisting by our President Capt Arnab Sen,

flower garlands were put around the portrait of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose by PP Rtn Gayatri Dhar and our new member Kaushik Chaudhuri. This was followed by Shree Bhaskar Bhuyia and Shree Karnadhar Sapai of Brindakhali and other members of their local club paying tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose by garlanding his revered portrait. This ceremony was followed by a football final between two competing teams. The match was played bare feet with 15 minute



each half on a slushy ground and with a very good standard of the game. Special prizes were given to the best goalkeeper, maximum of goals scored, besides a cash prize of Rs7000/-to the runners up and Rs9000/-to the winning team.

Our President Captain Arnab Sen praised the team members for good standard of their game. This was followed by lunch hosted by RCC Brindakhali. The efforts of the members who went to Brindakhali for the program is acknowledged. Thanks to PP Rtn Gayatri Dhar for helping to organize the program, and PP Rtn Chhanda Banerji for her great support for this event which connects us to the RCC closely.

AT TOWN HALL



Rotary International District 3291 hosted an Independence Day Program at the Town Hall on 15th August, 2025 on the occasion of the 78th Independence Day celebrations of India. DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri started the program. The event started at 5 pm and there were prominent speakers from Rotary International District 3291 including PDG Rtn Ravi Sehgal as well as speakers from other



spheres who spoke on the Freedom Movement of India with focus on the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose IPDG Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta of RCCV was among the dignitaries present. President Rtn Captain Sen, Club Treasurer Rtn Sudipta Sen, Club Secretary Rtn Kashmiri Marwah, Rtn Dr Bhashwati Ray, PP Rtn KK Jha were present from Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria for the program.



SAPLINGS PLANTING

On 2nd August, 2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria planted 25 saplings, costing 1000 rupees each, in New Town at Aranya, Green Verge 16, Action Area II, Block II C, New Town in conjunction with Mittika Earthy Talks Foundation. This meaningful endeavor and green initiative was spearheaded by Victorian Rtn Sudipta Sen. Each tree was planted with great care, and name tags were added. The Saplings that were lovingly planted were neem, jamun, amaltas, jarul, mahogany, kodbel, debdaru Indian almond, bokul, arjun, and mango. Members who enthusiastically participated in the Saplings Plantation Drive and were present right from start to finish were Club Treasurer Rtn Sudipta Sen, PP Rtn Seema Danda, Rtn Varsha Ghattak, and Rtn Kaushik Chaudhuri Club Treasurer Rtn Sudipta Sen

sponsored and organized all the refreshment packets filled with delicious snacks. Mittika Earthy Talks Foundation expressed their gratitude to Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria for their generous support and contribution in adopting 25 trees at Green Verge – Aranya



INTERACTORS IN ACTION

JACO JAGRITI



The Interact Club of St. James' School proudly hosted one of its most cherished annual projects, Jaco Jagriti, an initiative aimed at bringing together underprivileged children from various evening schools and giving them a platform to feel valued, celebrated, and appreciated. This year's edition witnessed the participation of seven schools. The theme for this year was

"Freedom", and the participants beautifully expressed its essence through dance, drama, and music. Each performance reflected unique interpretations of liberty, unity, and the spirit of independence. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, Rtn Captain Arnab Sen President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria our parent Club, Actress Sayantani Guha Thakurta, Mr. Imran Zaki,

and Mr. Rajendra Singh, who were delighted to witness the creativity and enthusiasm of the children. The Interact Club of St. James', under the guidance of Mr. Joseph Chacko, extended tokens of appreciation to all participants. Jaco Jagriti 2025 once again stood as a festival of joy, talent, and togetherness—this time, echoing the true meaning of "Freedom."

INSTALLATION AT ST. JAMES SCHOOL

On 11th August 2025, the Interact Club of St. James' School hosted its Installation Ceremony, marking the beginning of a new tenure of leadership, service, and dedication. The occasion was graced by the following esteemed dignitaries:

- ♦ Capt. Arnab Sen – President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria (Parent club)
- ♦ Mrs. Arpita Chatterjee – District Interact

Chairperson (DICC)

♦ Mrs. Vibha Mehta – Youth Leader Chair Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria The highlight of the ceremony was the official installation of the new board of office bearers. The top three positions for the year 2025–26 were conferred as follows:

- ♦ President – Rudra Singh
- ♦ General Secretary – Umesh Kheria
- ♦ Vice President – Daksh Garodia

Special mention must be made of the Teacher-in-Charge, Mr. Joseph Chacko, for his guidance whose guidance, and mentorship. In her address, Mrs. Arpita Chatterjee (DICC) emphasized the importance of innovation and encouraged the club to focus on organizing new and unique events. The ceremony also included a cake-cutting celebration, symbolizing the joyous beginning of the new journey.

MERGE LAUNCHING PROGRAMME



President Captain Arnab Sen attended the Merge Launching Programme on the 11th of August, 2025, at Mansoor Habibullah Memorial School (South End School) organized by the BOGS (The Bengal Obstetrics & Gynaecological Society) and was present at the venue from 11 am onwards for the program. Captain Sen represented Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria RI District 3291, one of the 6 Rotary Clubs in District 3291 who are collaborating for

a mega Public Health Promotion Project with BOGS. The focus is on Cervical Cancer awareness, orientation, detection, screening and vaccination. The Health Camps will be held for blood testing, blood sugar, blood pressure, skin problems and other general health issues. This was the first awareness program of the BRIDGE Group, BOGS and Rotary Integration Group of Experts and also the official launch of the collaborative project. It was covered by the media.

MISSION 1000

Rtn Dr Bhaswati Ray of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria attended Mission 1000 the membership seminar held on 3rd August 2025. It was attended by Club Presidents, newly inducted Rotarians, prospective Rotarians and guests in large numbers. District Governor 2025-26 Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri delivered a motivational speech explaining the need to grow in numbers. District Membership Chair Rtn Debi Prosad Basu also spoke at length on various aspects of membership growth and the importance of retaining members in addition to inducting new ones. District Learning Facilitator PDG Jhulan Basu was also present and shared his valuable suggestions for the clubs. It was followed by an interactive session with questions from the floor. The program was hosted by Rotary Club of North Calcutta.

EYE CAMP



On 2nd August, 2025, an Eye Cataract Detection and Operation Project took place in our RCC Kanthalberia. The project was sponsored by Rtn Dr O P Agarwal. It was a noble project and 46 patients were present for

testing and detection free of cost. Out of the 46 patients present, 15 were detected with cataract. Three patients were operated on. This project has been spearheaded by PP Rtn Gayatree Dhar.



CONDOLENCE

Sm. Yasoda Rani, beloved mother of Dr. Anuradha Goel left for her heavenly abode on 13th August 2025. Our heartfelt condolence to Dr. Anuradha and family members. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti !!!

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER



Kaushik Chaudhuri was Inducted into Rotary on 26th July 2025.
Welcome to Rotary Calcutta Victoria Kaushik

AT CALGARY, CANADA



IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and Dr. Simran were at the Rotary International Convention 2025 at the beautiful city of Calgary in Canada from 21st to 25th June. The convention had a lot of personal touch of RIP Stephanie Urchick (2024-25) and was extremely well done said Dr. Krishnendu at the club's regular meeting. There were 15000 delegates. Main focus was on Polio but other areas of focus were also touched on. The sudden resignation of RIPE created a stir but soon matters were resolved and Francesco Arezzo from Italy has now become the RI President. He was there at the convention. There is a lot

of continuity in Rotary. TRF is a very important part of Rotary and India is now the second highest contributor to TRF after USA. About USD 38 million has been given now declared Krishnendu proudly. RID 3291 had contributed over a million dollars to TRF in RY 2024-25, a great feather in our cap. Dr. Krishnendu was a panelist for a session on Annual Giving. It is not often that a sitting DG is a panelist in a RI Convention. A great honour indeed. The session was attended by about 150 people and there was good interaction. All in all our IPDG and Simran had an enjoyable time.

GUEST SPEAKER



Ajay Mittal

is an environment, sustainability consultant working at the intersection of

naturebased solutions, carbon markets and ESG strategy. Ajay Mittal focuses on what truly creates impact in combating the climate crisis the world is facing, such as carbon reduction, and systemic change. He currently advises organizations on developing high quality carbon projects, particularly in afforestation, agroforestry and mangrove restoration. He collaborates with NGOs and farmer groups to co create a regenerative future. Previously, Ajay served as Director of Climate Change programs for India and South Asia at Earthday.org and he led large scale projects as the plantation of over 2 million mangroves in the Sunderbans. He has been recognized as a Water Hero by the Government of India, to name one of his many achievements.

**CLUB ASSEMBLY REPORT
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THE NEXT BULLETIN**

Happy 
Birthday!

*K.K. Nangalia
13th August*



Presidential Message

Francesco Arezzo, RI President, 2025-26

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning non-traditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their

place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest – whether it's professional development or a passion for service – and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been

a Rotary club – or where a club once existed and faded – Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth – not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

TRUE FREEDOM

India's struggle for independence was not just political -- it was also a battle against ignorance and inequality. Leaders believed EDUCATION is the foundation of true freedom. Rotary's focus on literacy & vocational training aligns with this vision, empowering communities to not just political independence but also social and economic self reliance.