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Dear Rotarians, and friends,

In 1925, Dr. Thomas Benton Cooley walked into a land where children were dying of anaemia .Iron was given— because that is what medicine believed. But instead of improving, the children worsened. That moment changed history. It led to the discovery of **Thalassemia**— not a disease of deficiency, but a disease of inheritance. Today, we know the truth.If both parents are carriers, there is a 25% chance that a child will be born to suffer. But if a carrier marries a non-carrier— Thalassemia will never occur. So the question before us is no longer medical. The question is—are we ready to act? For decades, we have focused on treatment: Repeated blood transfusions... lifelong dependency... Iron overload, complications, suffering.Children become Tied to transfusion... tried by treatment... and tired of life And as a nation, we exhaust millions of units of precious blood every year.Yet the truth is simple.

Thalassemia is 100% preventable. Still, we hesitate.We hesitate to speak about: Right choice of partners Premarital testing Prenatal decisions We remain confined in a cocoon of inertia.

My dear friends, History teaches us something.For nearly 200 years, our nation remained under foreign rule. Not because we lacked strength— but because we lacked awakening. The real battle was not outside... it was within.And when that awakening came, through courage and social leadership— history changed.Today, I ask:Are we facing a similar inertia in our fight against Thalassemia? Is it not a social responsibility when we knowingly allow children to be born into suffering despite having the knowledge to prevent it? Has our societal warning system weakened,when a sacred institution like marriage can unknowingly become a pathway to tragedy? This is not about blame.This is about awakening.It is time to move from horoscope to microscope. A simple HPLC test—costing less than a meal—can prevent a lifetime of suffering. A carrier can safely marry a non- carrier But two carriers must act responsibly Early screening, informed decisions, even adoption— these are not weaknesses, but wisdom



Upcoming District Programs



The Rotary District 3291 **District Learning Assembly** for the 2026-27 year is scheduled on 17May'26 at The Hyaatt Regency, hosted by RC Belur,with RIPD Ashok Mahajan as the Chief Guest. The 2026-27 team is focusing on Rotary International President-elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola's theme "**Create Lasting Impact**". The Assembly is a key training event for the team under DGE 2026-27 Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharva

Upcoming Club Program

- Club Baisakhi adda will be held on 16 May'26, Sunday evening at 7-00pm at club premises. All members with families are requested to participate
- District Governor's official club visit postponed to 31 May'26 Sunday evening at 7-00 pm at Club premises.

Happy Anniversary

Rtn. Pradip Shaw &

Ann.Mrs. Lakhi Shaw: 28 April(Belated)



*** After the success against Polio,this stands before us as the next great humanitarian mission.And Rotary—we must lead it.Let us not be remembered for how many transfusions we supported...Let us be remembered for how many lives we prevented from suffering. Let us break this inertia. Let us come out of the cocoon. Let us become the butterfly. Because—No child should be born to suffer from a preventable disease. Thank you. **Contributed by :**
Dr. Ramendu Homchadhuri DG RID3291 in GML April' 26.

MINUTES OF 2783rd RWM OF ROTARY CLUB KAMARHATI HELD ON 18 APRIL 2026, SATURDAY AT 6-30pm AT ROTARY CLINIC BUILDING, BASANT BIHAR, 22 & 23 FEEDER ROAD , BELGHORIA, KOLKATA-700056

- President Rtn. Amit Kumar Bhattacharyya took the chair and called the 2783rd RWM to order and requested. PP Rtn. Dr. Sanjit Mukherjee to lead the National Anthem.
- In absence of Secretary, Rtn Rohit Goel was requested to perform the duties of Secretary.
- President informed about 3rd Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Governors(Admin) and Zonal Secretaries meet "RENDEZVOUS II" is on 25th April'26, Saturday at 7-00pm at "HALDIRAM BANQUETS, BALLYGUNGE. Regds. Charge Rs1500/. Meeting will be followed by Dinner. **District Secretariat requested repeatedly for attending the same.** He also informed about District Baisakhi Sandhya to be organized on 24 April'26, Friday evening at Urbana Club House, Registration charge Rs.500/ .
- DG Visit scheduled on 26 April'26. There is no change in schedule, so we have to be ready for that as scheduled. President requested PP Rtn. Dr. S.K.Ghosh to discuss about preparation of DG Visit. He delegated duties to different members. PP Rtn. Subhendu Roy will arrange Mike, PP Rtn. Sanjit Mukherjee will look after the flower decoration, two Banners will be prepared by Rtn. Parimal Tripathy , PP Rtn. Dr PK Pandit will arrange a projector and PP Rtn Dr.Ghosh himself will look after the food arrangement.
- District officials to be invited by president secretary, First lady of District will also be invited as per protocol. President informed that he has already invited AG,ZS,DG, First lady and other District officials as was communicated from District. No other outside guests are allowed in that meeting except any prospective member to be inducted. All inclusive expenditure to be kept within sanctioned budgeted amount keeping in mind club's financial condition. Any Gifts for DG and First Lady are from President.
- President informed that on 05 April'26 we conducted a seminar on Mental Health in association of our INTERACT club at Belghoria Deshopriya Vidyaniketan . Speaker was Prof. Sukanta Mitra from Bhairab Ganguly College Belghoria.
- Being requested by President, Acting Secretary Rtn. Rohit Goel conducted the Club business - readout the minutes of last RWM and got that confirmed proposed by PP Rtn. Dr.G.D.Swarnakar and seconded by PP Rtn. Sanjit Mukherjee.
- PP Rtn. Dr. PK Pandit proposed to install one AC in our Clinic . He will contribute to purchase a 1.5ton AC. This is essential keeping in mind the present summer condition. He also reminded that few members earlier promised for contribution but not yet fulfilled. He requested President only to sanction wiring and Installation cost from Clinic fund and AC will be donated by him. All welcomed the decision.
- President informed that ongoing vocational training on Computer literacy near completion and certification will be done shortly. Ladies of club are preparing for a Baishakhi Adda and it will be organized on 9th/16th May'26 after election result.
- As there were no other points to discuss, President terminated the meeting after attendance ,Clinic report and International toasting .

INTERNATIONAL TOASTING	ATTENDANCE	CLINIC REPORT
PP Rtn. Dr. S.K.Ghosh on behalf of President, Secretary and members of RC Kamarhati offered a toast of Goodwill and friendship to members of RC BERCILONA EAST, SPAINRID 2210 ZONE 10	Rotarians :14	Gen.Med. -13 EYE - 3 Blood Sugar -8 Uric Acid -8

Rtn. Amit Kumar Bhattacharyya
President 2025-26

Rtn. Rohit Goel
Acting Secretar

Requesting all defaulting members to pay their dues immediately . 3 members yet to pay their full year's subscription . another 3 to pay 2nd half dues. Send your dues to ROTARY CLUB KAMARHATI INDIAN BANK A/C No 20586980048, IFSC : IDIB000K553 without further delay.