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Dr. Arpita Ghosh



Dr. Arpita Ghosh is an enthusiastic, adaptive, patient, and fast-learning person with a broad and acute intrigued interest in conservation of heritage and intrigued by pedagogy and imparting education. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Calcutta in Botany and after that she pursued her career in Heritage Studies and Conservation. She obtained her Post Graduate degree was in Museology and Conservation and awarded PhD in Museology and Conservation from Rabindra Bharati University. She has also Achieved professional training in Preservation of antiquities from National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property, Lucknow. Ghosh began her professional journey at the Dept. of Museology, Rabindra Bharati University as a lecturer in 2009. She has a passion for assisting all students to reach their potential and help them understand the value of natural and cultural



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heritage and their preservation. Besides she also works as a conservator of antiquities as freelancer. Having a keen interest in textiles of India, its weaving, printing, motifs, and patterns she is researching on it currently. Ghosh has several research publications in museology and conservation in national and international journals. Other than the teaching profession Arpita is also passionate about music and travelling. She also runs her family business of wholesale sarees and has an establishment at Park Street, Kolkata. Ghosh is a Rotarian by heart and implies dedication to service, fellowship with a passion for making a positive difference in communities and the world.

Rotary Mobile Vision Van

Rotary Mobile Vision Van was launched and handed over to Midnapore Rotary EYE Hospital on 12th August, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. The project was under Global Grant 2569775 with International Partner Rotary Club of Westlake Village California, USA and Rotary Club of Singapore. Other local participant clubs in this project are as follows:

1. Rotary Club of Serampore
2. Rotary Club of Midnapore
3. Rotary Club of Calcutta Newbies
4. Rotary Club of Central Calcutta
5. Rotary Club of Kolkata Lakes
6. Rotary Club of Calcutta Majestic
7. Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe
8. Rotary Club of Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta



Rotary Club of Calcutta was the lead host club for this project. The Mobile Vision Van is well equipped with modern machineries for eye treatment in camps such as Auto Refractometer, Ophthalmic Refraction Unit, LED Slit Lamp, Tonometer, etc. The van will cover the remote villages of three districts like East Midnapore, West Midnapore and Jhargram. This van will be supported by trained Ophthalmologists, paramedical staffs and eye doctors who will be taking care of the patients. As this van will be run by Midnapore eye Hospital, the treatment of the patients after primary detection will be well taken care of. The details of the project are as follows:



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1. Project Cost : Rs 29,03,164.00
 2. Total Estimated beneficiaries : 2000 per month
 3. Areas of operations : East Midnapore, West Midnapore & Jhargram
- Rotary Club of Calcutta expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all the members of Rotary Club of Westlake Village California USA, RID 5240, Rotary Club of

Singapore, RID 3310 and all participant clubs for making this project a grand success.

Reported by : Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Primary Contact, International Chairman

My Maiden Experience as a Rotarian - Witnessing the Magic of Rotary in Action



On 12th July 2025, I had the privilege of attending my very first meeting as a Rotarian, representing Rotary Calcutta Colts - the newly launched satellite club of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, the oldest Rotary club in Asia. Although I've been coming to Rotary events since I was a child, signing in for the first time as a Rotarian felt truly special : a full-circle moment steeped in purpose and pride. The occasion was the launch and handover of the Rotary Mobile Vision Van, a powerful international project under Global Grant #2569775, spearheaded by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury and hosted by Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury. The event was not just

symbolic, but a maiden opportunity for me to witness the fruits of collaborative efforts between nine Rotary Clubs, both international and local, coming together in the true spirit of service. This van, equipped with modern ophthalmic technology, will reach out to rural areas across East and West Midnapore and Jhargram, addressing the crucial requirements of the underprivileged by providing free primary eye care to an estimated 2,000 beneficiaries each month. It was deeply moving to see how Rotary unites for good, combining resources, passion, and vision to serve the greater good of the community.

As the sole representative of the Colts that day, I took this experience as an opportunity to understand not only how Rotary meetings are conducted, but also how we - the younger generation - can ideate, organise, and execute our own projects under the guidance of our parent club. The insights shared by senior members and guest speakers helped me appreciate the importance of listening closely, picking up cues, and using our voices to inspire change.

Report by Rajeshwari Roychowdhury, Rotary Calcutta Colts

Thalassemia screening and blood donation camp at RCC Bally Sujan Bandhu



The location was at Bally Athletic Club and Swamiji Welfare society. A large number of people had gathered for blood donation and more than 200 donated blood. More than 40 people took part in Thalassemia Screening, There was also a Health and Body fitness camp which was attended by 72 plus people. Total number of participants were more than 300 people in a one day camp.

This is a vibrant RCC doing commendable work. We would request interested members to visit this RCC during our next visit.

Report by Rtn Udit Mitra, Chair Community Service and RCC

Tiger Day celebrated at Rotary Sadan with SHER

On the 11th of July, 2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with Society for Heritage & Ecological Research (SHER), celebrated TIGER DAY or BAGH DIVAS at Rotary Sadan. It was a gathering to appreciate the dedication and passion of forest officers and field staff along with a special screening of a film by Kalyan Varma. The forest officers were heralded as conservation champions, given their tireless efforts towards wildlife preservation.

Club President Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay was invited on stage by the MC. He spoke about his many encounters with tigers and the varied flora and fauna of Indian forests. He also mentioned about his stewardship towards uplifting communities near Sundarbans Forest and District South 24 pgs. in the Rotary year 25-26. He was felicitated by the Chairperson of SHER.



Two teams of forest officers, who rescued the Zeenat Tiger in December and another Tiger who encroached into human village establishments in February with great difficulty, were felicitated. These forest officers act as the guardians of not only these villages that border the Sundarbans forests, but also the animals



who deserve a safe haven in the forests. On the completion of 50 years of Project Tiger, a special screening of the film PROJECT TIGER was arranged for the Rotarians and guests attending the event. This film is directed by popular wildlife photographer, National Film Award winner and Emmy nominated filmmaker KALYAN VARMA. This movie is being shown at film festivals around the world and will be released for the masses on Discovery Channel by the end of the year, but we were fortunate to witness the magnificent and informative documentary's special screening, showing the failures and successes (mostly) of Project Tiger in India. The event left everyone mesmerized by the film and surely all attendees would carry home the message of Live and Let Live.

Report by Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal

Jhargram Sans Frontiers School – 28 June 2025



Rotary Club Of Calcutta joined hands with 13 other clubs of District 3291 through an appeal by our dear AG Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty and Deputy Governor Kalapi Dutta. Hence it is called Rotary Sans Frontiers School. It was a joint project where our club contributed Rs. 30000 and an appeal was made to Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust for a helping grant. Along with the support of EIRWT, a total budget of Rs. 3,00,000 was used to install Solar plant with inverter and battery storage, a deep tubewell and their bathrooms were completed with handwash station. These developments will



allow for all year-round electricity and clean drinking water along with hygiene for students residing on campus of the Swami Satyananda Vidyamandir school in Dherua Village of Jhargram district, where 50 students stay on campus and 100 students study until class 7. On 28th June 2025, along with 15 other Rotarians from various clubs of District 3291, I attended the inauguration of the work done at this school. The scope of work at this school is huge as the phase 2 of this project is being headed by Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance. They will appeal again for the support. I sincerely hope the next year chairpersons will take this up as it is aimed to be a sustainable project. It has been a great year, and I thank President, Hony. Secretary, Treasurer along with chairmen of Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust and Rotary Children Welfare trust for supporting the initiatives of Community Service & Vocational Service committee from 1st July 2024 to 28th June 2025 with projects like Vision for All (initiated by Special Project committee), Bastradaan, Pranadhara (Livpure machine at 70+ schools), Christmas Gifting (initiated by Literacy committee), Dustbin gifting for Zero waste economy at Shishu Kalyan school and of course the ASADHARON Awards (Vocational excellence awards). I thank Rtn Abhijit Kolay and Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury for the year-round support and guidance. I thank Rtn Yogesh Dassani, Rtn Anand Sharma and Rtn Sonia Dutt for always standing by my side.

Reported by Ravindra Khandelwal - Chairperson, Community & Vocational Service committee 2024-25

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Singapore, R.I. Dist 3310.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting on Tuesday, 29th July 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta South West

Birthdays

Sujata Pyne 23rd July
Udit Chand Mitra 23rd July
Dr. Shankar Ghosh 26th July
Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversary

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar & R-Ann Rinku 27th July

Celebrate your Joy and Happiness on Birthdays and Anniversaries. Donate generously for The Rotary Foundation and Club Projects

BOARD MEETING

First Meeting of the Board of Directors (2025-26) of the Club will be held on Monday, 28th July, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan, Board Room (1st floor), 94/2, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata – 700 020. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Monday, 28th July, 2025	First Meeting of the Board of Directors 2025-26	Rotary Sadan (1st floor) 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 29th July, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE 4989TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD
ON 15TH JULY, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4989th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
- Minutes of the 4988th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 4th July, 2025 were confirmed.
- President informed members that day was discussion about Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). Past President, Rtn. Ritwik Gupta, Hony. Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu and Hony. Treasurer, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee would address the audience on that topic. On behalf of the Club, President welcomed Rtns Ritwik Gupta, Ashok Kumar Basu and Indrajit Banerjee.
- President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attended the meeting.
- President informed members about the sad demise of our Ex -Senior Member Late Dr. Dipak Ranjan Sarbadhikari who passed away on Tuesday, 8th July, 2025 and on behalf of the Club he conveyed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace. He also informed members of the sad demise of late Mrs Indu Patodia, wife of Rtn. Harsh Vardhan Patodia who passed away on 30th June, 2025 and also conveyed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. May her soul rest in peace. At the request of the President to mourn their death and in their memory, members observed one minute silence.
- President reported the following :**
Last 14 days (1st July to 14th July, 2025) the Club organized the following Programmes and Projects :
 - To observe Doctors' day, Club organised an Eye check-up camp on 1st July, 2025 at 10 a.m. at Silver Point School Kasba Rathtala, Mini Bus Stand, Kolkata – 700 042.
 - Club observed Doctors' day and CAs' day followed by fellowship and dinner on Tuesday, 1st July, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
 - 106th Installation Meeting held on Friday, 4th July, 2025 at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.
 - Club organised Blood donation and Thalassemia Camp in association with our RCC Bally Sujan Bandhu on Sunday, 6th July, 2025 at Bally Dist. Hooghly.
 - Rtn. Subha Pal, Chairperson, Public Image Committee made a Goodwill visit to Rotary Club of London, R I Dist. 1130 on Monday, 7th July, 2025 and exchanged our Club Flag.
 - On Friday, 11th July, 2025 - Club observed world Tiger day in association with Society for Heritage Ecological Researches (SHER) and screened a documentary film at Rotary Sadan.
 - On Saturday, 12th July, 2025 – "Rotary Vision on Wheels", the Club donated a Bus with Eye Check-up equipments to Midnapore Rotary Eye Hospital under the Matching Grant Project No. 2569775 with Rotary Club of Singapore.
- President announced the following :**
 - At the request of the President, DGN Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury, Chairman, Inter Club and Dist. Relations Committee addressed the audience on his committee activities during the Rotary year 2025-26.
 - At the request of the President, Rtn Udit Chand Mitra, Chairman, Community Service and RCC Committee also addressed the audience on his committee activities during the Rotary year 2025-26 and requested members to give their suggestions.
- At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter conducted the Club Business :
 - He welcomed all Members and Guests and wished them.
 - He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 21st July, 2025 and wished and requested them to donate generously for The Rotary Foundation India and the Club Projects.
 - Next meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. preceded by Lunch at 12.30 p.m. / Speaker: Mrs. Arpita Ghosh, Museology.
- At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Ritwik Gupta, Hony. Treasurer, Rtn Indrajit Banerjee and Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu addressed the audience on current Rotary movement and suggestions on it.
- Questions raised by the members which were answered by the speakers.
- Sunshine Box collection Rs. 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Amit Ghosh.
- On behalf of the Club, Rtn Rajeev Parlikar gave vote of thanks on that day.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Purulia, India, R I Dist. 3291.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2.39 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary