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With nearly 35 years in hospitality, Mohan excels in industry expertise and people skills. He began his journey with IHCL in 1989 as a Management Trainee and now serves as Senior Vice President Operations. Mohan has held key roles, including Area Director for Udaipur & Jodhpur and General Manager at iconic properties like the Taj Lake Palace, Taj Bengal, and Taj Krishna. An IHM Pusa alumnus, he has worked across multiple functions and locations, including Mumbai, Sydney, and Dubai. Passionate about history, travel, and music, he supports causes like Udayan and the Center for Historic Houses. Mohan also held leadership roles in industry bodies, including the Hyderabad Conventions & Visitors Bureau and the Telangana Hotels Association.

Rotary
Club of Calcutta
105 Years in Service



Vision for All - AOS Community AOF : Disease prevention and treatment - Camp 18 Dakshineswar Adyapith 30 Nov.; Camp 19 Kanchrapara 9 Dec.; Camp 20 Machuabazar Sukia Street 22 Dec.

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of eye camps for eye Check-up in the Rotary year 2024-25. In these camps, eye checkups are done with distribution of free powered spectacles along with cataract operations if required. These camps are conducted as per SOP, and beneficiaries are identified for correction by spectacles or surgery, and the processes are thoroughly explained to them. For spectacles, they are directed to the spectacle desk and contact details of those requiring surgery are noted for follow-up. Rotary branding is prominently put. In total, 630 beneficiaries were screened in the 3 camps, of which 407 required spectacle correction and 78 required surgical correction.

Total Project Value is as under :

In Rs	Camp 18	Camp 19	Camp 20
Camp Arrangements	14000	14000	14000
Spectacles @ 800	83200	128800	113600
Total	97200	142800	127600

Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury, Special Projects Chair, on behalf of Health, Special Projects, and Community Service Committees

Excerpted from reports of Ravindra Khandelwal

Interact Reports – AOS New Generations

Asian International School Regalia – Festival of Happiness, themed "Jungle Safari," was a vibrant event hosted by Asian International School, Howrah. This carnival united students, teachers, and parents in a celebration of creativity, teamwork, and joy. Activities included a talent show, masquerade drawing, collage and mask making, fun-filled games, and scientific demonstrations. The Interact Club's stall, featuring handcrafted decorations, paintings, and student-prepared food, raised funds for Nivriti, an NGO supporting underprivileged communities. The event began with a welcome address by Principal Mrs. Simran Sanghera, with esteemed guests like Kamalpreet Kaur, Principal of Narula Public School, as the chief guest, and Rtn Dr. Saswati Mukherjee Youth Chair at Rotary Club of Calcutta, the Guest of Honour, who also evaluated student projects. Regalia was a resounding success, showcasing student talent, fostering camaraderie, and creating lasting memories of laughter and community spirit.

Serampore Girls' High School The Interact Club of Serampore Girls' High School celebrated Children's Day with street children and kids from slum areas, aiming to spread love and happiness. With the belief that "Each child

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is a unique blessing,” SGHS students organized a fun-filled day featuring quiz competitions, games, and cultural programs. Teacher coordinator Rakhi Som arranged a cake-cutting ceremony that kicked off the festivities. Interactor Satabhisha Das from class IX shared the significance of the day with the young attendees, followed by quizzes on Jawaharlal Nehru and Children’s Day. Activities and competitions inspired the children, and prizes were awarded. Amit Turia, a 10-year-old, captivated everyone with his dance performance, while around 30 children received gift packets of learning materials and food. Headmistress Dr. Ivy Sarkar praised the Rotary Interact Club for their efforts in raising awareness about children’s rights, care, and education.

Delhi Public School, Howrah In September 2024, the Interact Club held a special assembly addressing violence against women, inspired by a tragic local incident. Through a compelling nukkad natak, students emphasized gender equality, safety, and dignity, fostering awareness and responsibility. Later in the month, students collaborated with Sangharsh Empowerment Foundation at Ichapur, donating essentials and engaging in creative sessions with children. This initiative promoted empathy and active social responsibility. In October 2024, Interactors participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, focusing on environmental stewardship. Over two days, students cleaned premises at a school in Belur Math’s Ramakrishna Mission and conducted a cleanliness drive at Telkal Ghat Railway Colony, also planting saplings to enhance environmental conservation. This effort underlined civic responsibility and environmental awareness. The "Sociovity : Hand in Hand with Our Helpers" initiative, also in October, honored the school’s support staff. Students raised funds and presented thoughtful Diwali hampers. A pre-primary skit celebrating Diwali added warmth, fostering gratitude and empathy. In November, the school’s annual day show, *आध्यायी: A Mahabharata Enigma*, blended tradition with modernity. Senior citizens from Helpage India were invited as special guests to Science City in their school buses, receiving heartfelt hospitality. Students ensured their comfort, offering refreshments and assistance throughout. The well-received performance celebrated intergenerational bonds, leaving a lasting impact on the elderly guests. The Interact Club’s activities in this period highlighted creativity, compassion, and environmental responsibility, inspiring students to lead positive change in their communities.

Reported by Youth Chair, Saswati



Rotary Mobile Cancer Detection Bus handover at Rotary District Conference of RID 3291 on 6 January 2025 as DGND Purnendu is first past the post (and how!)



Congratulations!!

Dr. Arkoprovo Royis going to take charge as State Secretary of the Association of Surgeons of India, West Bengal State Chapter from 1st January 2025.



Our HALD Champ is at it again! Cheers to sheer drive and motivation!!

Centenary Year President, Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury has been elected as DGND for the Rotary year 2025-26 (District Governor for the Rotary year 2027-28).

On behalf of the Club, We congratulate Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury for the same.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, R.I. District 1010.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 28th January, 2025 - Speaker : Ms. Shruti Mohta at 1.30 p.m. - Lunch 12.30 p.m

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Anita Jain	14 th January
Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kumar	15 th January
Rtn. Roshni Ganguly	15 th January
Rtn. Dr. Krishna Sen	16 th January
Rtn. C. K. Dhanuka	19 th January
Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla	20 th January
Rtn. Vinay Nevatia	22 nd January
Rtn. Sharmitha N Koya	23 rd January
Rtn. Amitava Sinha	25 th January
Rtn. Shiv Ratan Goenka	25 th January
Rtn. Supriya Roy	26 th January
Rtn. Tapan Kumar	26 th January
Rtn. Satish Kapur	27 th January

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi & Dr. Sashi Prabha	16 th January
Rtn. Mahesh Pansari & Pooja	17 th January
Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu & Dr. Jyotsna	18 th January
Rtn. Arunima Dey & Mr. Kaushik	18 th January
Rtn. C. K. Dhanuka & Aruna	19 th January
Rtn. Shashi Bhargava & Mr. Anil	19 th January
Rtn. Dr. Hirak Kumar Sen & Kalpana	22 nd January
Rtn. Indranil Dasgupta & Madhumita	22 nd January
Rtn. Dr. Santanu Sen & Dr. Kakali	22 nd January
Rtn. Jai Kumar Surana & Mita	22 nd January
Rtn. Nirmal Kumar Saraf & Shikha	23 rd January
Rtn. Udit Chand Mitra & Sanjukta	23 rd January
Rtn. Anita Jain & Mr. Chandra Kumar	24 th January
Rtn. Malay Kumar Ghosh & Soma	26 th January
Rtn. Arunava Mukerji & Sumita	26 th January
Rtn. Gyanesh Choudhary & Meenakshi	26 th January
Rtn. Suman Chakraborty & Sakhi	27 th January
Rtn. Sanjiv Agarwal & Ritu	27 th January

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Committee will be organising a Fellowship and Dinner along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. onwards at the residence of Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly and Rtn. Roshni Ganguly and to be hosted by them. You are requested to make a note of it and attend with your spouse.

Reports

- RI District 3291 Conference 2025 "SAMMELAN" co-hosted by our Club held between 3rd to 5th January, 2025 at the Nicco Park, Kolkata. Our Club Activities were displayed at the Dist. Conference.
- The Club celebrated its 106th Charter Day followed with fellowship and dinner on 1st January, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
- At the RI District Conference 2025, in presence of Dist. Governor, Rtn. Krisnendu Gupta and other RI and Dist. Officials, a Mobile Cancer Detection bus under Global Grant Project No. 2459982 was donated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital on 5th January, 2025.
- The Club organised a Seminar for Principals and Teachers in association with George Group of Colleges by Paromita Bhaumik, Consultant Psychologist on "Stress Management for Work-Life Integration" on Saturday, 11th January, 2025 at 3 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan.
- Under the Leadership of PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne, several Rotarians made a Goodwill visit to Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria on 11th January, 2025.
- The Second Club Assembly of the Club was held on Sunday, 12th January, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.

DONATION

PP Rtn. Kanak Dutt donated Health Drinks for the Children at the Annual Children's Treat-2024 which was erroneously omitted from weekly Chaka dated on 1st January, 2025. The error is regretted. Thank you PP Rtn. Kanak Dutt for your kind donation for that event.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day will be celebrated along with Painting Exhibition and Cultural programme by the Students of the Cultural Section on Sunday, 26th January, 2025 at the Rotary Sadan. Flag unfurling at 10 a.m. Members are requested to kindly attend with your families.

SEVEN DAYS NOTICE

Subject to no objection received within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the following candidate will be inducted as a member of the Club :

Mrs. Aditi Day Nundy

Managing Director, Dayco Securities Pvt. Ltd.

Poddar Point (North Block), 7th floor

113 Park Street, Kolkata - 700 016

Residence : "Anamika" Flat No. 203, 12, Lee Road, Kolkata-20

Age : 50 Years +

Classification : Financial Services - General

Proposer : PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay

TRIP AT SHANTINIKETAN ON 15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY, 2025

A Trip to Shantiniketan will be organised on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025. Interested members are requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details.

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the sad demise of our senior Member Rtn. Pritpal Singh Chauhan who passed away on 7th January, 2025. He served as Committee Chairman. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Sunday 26th January, 2025	Republic Day will be celebrated along with Painting Exhibition and Cultural Programme.	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) Flag unfurling at 10 a.m.
Tuesday, 28th January, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Ms Shruti Mohta	1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

MINUTES OF THE 4968TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
7th JANUARY, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4968th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar.
3. Minutes of the 4967th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 1st January, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Dr. Vivek Sharma, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon as the Chief Guest on that day and he would speak on "Knee Health".
5. President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on the day and convey our Greetings to their Clubs.
6. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) On 1st January, 2025, the Club celebrated 106th Charter Day followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary Sadan.
 - b) R. I. District 3291 Conference-2025 "SAMMELAN" Co-hosted by the Club held between 3rd to 5th January, 2025 at the Nicco Park, Kolkata.
 - c) President informed members that at the R. I. District Conference-2025, Centenary year President, Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury has been elected as DGND for the Rotary year 2025-26 (Dist. Governor for the Rotary year 2027-28). On behalf of the Club, he congratulated Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury.
 - d) He also informed members that at the R. I. Dist. Conference-2025, in presence of Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and other RI and Dist. Officials, the Global Grant project No.2459982, Mobile Cancer Dedicated Van have been donated to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital on 5th January, 2025 at the Dist. Conference venue.
 - e) He then informed members that the Club has also displayed Club Activities at the R I Dist. Conference-2025.
7. **President Announced the following :**
 - i) The Club would be organising a Seminar for Principals and Teachers in association with George Group of Colleges by Paromita Bhaumik, Consultant Psychologist on "Stress Management for Work-Life Integration" to be held on Saturday, 11th January, 2025 at 3 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan and requested members to attend the Seminar.
 - ii) Fellowship committee would organise a fellowship and dinner along with Regular Weekly Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. onwards at the residence of Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly and Rtn. Roshni Ganguly. The programme would be hosted by them, and he requested members to make a note of it and attend with their spouse.
8. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed Members, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 20th January, 2025.
 - c) Next meeting of the Club on 21st January, 2025 - Speaker : Mr. K. Mohanchandran.
 - d) Please note that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 14th January, 2025 as four weekly meetings would be held in the month of January, 2025
 - e) The Second Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Sunday, 12th January, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan. Registration at 10.00 a.m. with breakfast.
He then requested all members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members to kindly block the date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs were also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the second quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to him for the Second Club Assembly.
 - f) Next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club would be held on Monday, 20th January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m at Rotary Sadan and requested all members of the Board to make a note of it and attend.
 - g) Republic Day would be celebrated along with Painting Exhibition and Cultural programme by the Students of the Cultural Section on Sunday 26th January, 2025 at the Rotary Sadan. Flag unfurling at 10 a.m. and requested all members to kindly attend with families.
 - h) Under the leadership of PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne, a Goodwill visit to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria would be organised on Saturday, 11th January, 2025 and he requested members to join the same.
 - i) A Trip to Shantiniketan would be organised on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025. Interested members were requested to register their names and kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu introduced Dr. Vivek Sharma, Chief Guest on that day.
10. At the request of the President, Dr. Vivek Sharma addressed the audience on "Knee Health".
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Anand Sharma gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Dr. Vivek Sharma.
14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs 1000/- with special contribution from Rtns Anita Jain and Arunima Dey on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, R.I. District 3250.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary

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