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Month is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month

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Speaker of the Day
4th March, 2025

Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi
Topic - Highlights of the
Union Budget 2025

INTERACT CLUB OF ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AOS New Generations JANUARY 2025



In January 2025, the Interact Club of Asian International School launched a program aimed at teaching basic Math, English, and the Bengali alphabet to their house helpers. Throughout the month, they successfully engaged in this initiative, and their students now possess a good understanding of



counting and speaking in English. India faces significant challenges with literacy rates, which inhibit development. Many NGOs have taken action to combat illiteracy by providing free vocational education and establishing schools. The initiative by the Interact Club of Asian International School has made a meaningful impact on individuals living below the poverty line who lack fundamental literacy skills. It has been observed that most elderly people living below the poverty line are devoid of any literacy.

Vision for All - AOS Community AOF : Disease prevention and treatment



Camp 25 Rathtala Bus stand, Kasba 8 Feb 2025 |
Camp 26 Uluberia, Howrah 22 Feb 2025.

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 50 eye camps for eye Check-up in the Rotary year 2024-25. In these camps,

eyecheck-ups 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, 429 beneficiaries were screened in both the camps, of which 308 required spectacle correction and 37 required surgical correction.

Total Project Value is :

In Rs	Camp 25	Camp 26
Camp Arrangements	14,000	14,000
Spectacles @ 800	1,18,400	1,28,000
Total	1,32,400	1,42,000

Donations received from AKS Rtn. Saurabh Khemani is gratefully acknowledged for these camps. Camps 25 and 26 were jointly organised with the Interact Club of Silver Point and RC Serampore.

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

Reported by Ravindra Khandelwal



We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
<https://rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org>
E-mail: rotarycalcutta.office@gmail.com

"Krishnachura" Fellowship – 15 Feb. 2025



Due to space constraints many photos appropriately depicting the warmth of the event could not be accommodated in The Chaka issue of 23 February. Here they are -



REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony, India, R.I. District 3291.

TODAY

Our own Rotarian Ajay Doshi addresses us on the Union Budget

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th March, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. Closed Door Meeting.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH – 2025

Fellowship Committee has organised "Annual Cricket Match-2025" Members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Vs Members of Calcutta Club Ltd. on Sunday, 9th March, 2025 at 9.30 am onwards followed by Fellowship & lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla. Interested members are requested to kindly contact Mr. Sambhu Dey at the Club Office.

Happy Birthday

Renuka Shah	4th March
Rajeev Paralikar	5th March
Mahendra Kumar Jalan	8th March
Joshita Davar Khemani	9th March

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Mahendra Kumar Jalan & R-Ann Sashi Prabha	4th March
Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu & R-Ann Meena	5th March
Rtn. Hari Mohan Bangur & R-Ann Rajkamal	6th March
Rtn. Jayanta Kumar Mitra & R-Ann Aroti	6th March
Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen & R-Ann Mallika	9th March
Rtn. Ranjita Mazumder & Mr. Aurobindo	10th March
Rtn. Sanjib Basu & R-Ann Rupali	10th March

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

REPORTS

- a) Regular Weekly Meeting followed by fellowship and dinner held on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 at the residence of Rtn Indrajit Ganguly and Rtn. Roshni Ganguly and hosted by them. (Photographs and Matter)
- b) **Photographs:**
RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah organised Blood donation Camp on Sunday, 9th February, 2025. A total of 64 donors including 10 women donated blood on that day.
- c) **"Holi Milan"** will be organised on Sunday, 2nd March, 2025 at the residence of PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal followed by Fellowship and Chaats hosted by PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal & R-Ann Asha Agrawal.
- d) **Rotary Oration - 2025** along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner held on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
- e) Four New Members (Rtns Pramod Kumar Mathur, Aditi Nundy, Pradipta Chandra Ganguly and Pulak Bagchi) were inducted at the Regular Weekly Meeting held on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025.

THIRD CLUB ASSEMBLY ON SUNDAY, 6TH APRIL, 2025

The Third Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by breakfast. Registration is at 10.00 a.m.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join this important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the third quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to Hony. Secretary for the Third Club Assembly.

MELODIOUS AFTERNOON

"Melodious Afternoon" has been organised followed by lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury on Sunday, 16th March, 2025 from 12 noon onwards at the Lilabati Devi Resorts Hotels, 206B, B. B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata 700 042. You are requested to attend the program along with your spouse.

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS



Pradipta Chandra Ganguly

Banking – Corporate
Date on induction : 23rd February, 2025

Date of Birth : 15th June, 1976
Office : Deputy Vice-President / Cluster Head (Business Banking Group)
HDFC BANK LTD
16 A, Brabourne Road, (Ground floor), Kolkata – 700 001
Mob : 9836812120
E-mail: pradipta_15@yahoo.com
Residence : 5/2, Kali Banerjee Lane, Howrah – 711101
Wedding : 19th January, 2006
R-Ann: Moumita
Hobbies : Travelling, Music & Sports
Spouse Hobbies: Travelling
Children: One Son



Pramod Kumar Mathur

Legal Practice – Taxation
Date on induction : 23rd February, 2025
Date of Birth : 27th July, 1959

Office : Proprietor
Mathur & Company
1, Meredith Street, Suite -11 (2nd floor), Kolkata – 700 072
Mob : 9830040707 / 9830840707
E-mail: mathurandco@gmail.com
Residence : Aasha Apartment, Flat No.1/C 13 & 14
93, Deshpriya Sasmal Road, Tollygunge Phari, Kolkata-700033
Wedding : 10th February, 1989
R-Ann: Vinkie
Hobbies: Swimming - Darts
Spouse Hobbies : Dancing, Choreography and Swimming
Children: One Son



Aditi Nundy

Financial Services - General
Date on induction : 23rd February, 2025

Date of Birth : 12th May, 1972
Office : Managing Director
Dayco Securities Pvt. Ltd.
Poddar Point (North Block), 7th floor
113, Park Street, Kolkata - 700 016
Tel: 033-4067 5065
Mob: 9830165452
E-mail: aditi@daycoindia.com
Residence : Anamika, Flat No. 203
12, Lee Road, Kolkata - 700020
Wedding : 15th February, 1998
Spouse : Ashis
Hobbies : Reading, Writing & Cooking
Spouse Hobbies: Golf
Children: One



Pulak Bagchi

Legal Practice - Company
Date on induction : 23rd February, 2025

Date of Birth : 16th October, 1972
Office : Proprietor
Chamber Salienta Law Offices
607, Lake Gardens
Kolkata - 700 045
Mob: 9831840716
E-mail: pulak.bagchi@soulsome.org
Residence : "Estelle" Flat No. 12 B, 50A, Prince Anwar Shah Road, Kolkata - 700033
Wedding : 30th June, 2005
R-Ann : Madhuchhanda
Hobbies: Philately & Numismatics
Spouse Hobbies : Cooking and Embroidery
Children: One

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Friday, 7th March, 2025	"Prantakatha" in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta to be launched – a Specialised Free Transgender Clinic for Mental Health (with networking lunch)	11 a.m. onwards British Club, 1 A, Ho-Chi Minh Sarani Kolkata – 700 071
Sunday 9th March, 2025	Annual Cricket Match -2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta vs. Calcutta Club Ltd.	9.30 a.m onwards at the Calcutta Club Lawn followed by Fellowship and Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla
Tuesday, 11th March, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Sunday, 16th March, 2025	Melodious Afternoon Followed by Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R- Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury	Lila Bati Devi Resorts and Hotels, 206B, B. B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata 700 042 at 12 noon onwards

MINUTES OF THE 4973rd REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed members and guests and called the 4973rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Ruchika Majumdar.
3. Minutes of the 4972nd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 11th February, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President informed members that to commemorate "World Understanding and Peace Day", the Club has organised "Rotary Oration - 2025". President then welcomed Ambassador Krishnan Srinivasan, Former Foreign Secretary of India and Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations as the Chief Guest for the day. Ambassador Srinivasan would speak on "Foreign Relations Checks & Balance". He also welcomed Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta as Guest of Honour on that day.
5. President then welcomed all Dist. Officials, Visiting Rotarians and guests who attended the meeting on that day and conveyed his greetings to their Clubs.
6. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah organised Blood donation Camp on Sunday, 9th February, 2025. A total of 64 donors including 10 women donated blood on that day.
 - b) A trip to Shantiniketan was organised by Fellowship Committee on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025.
7. **President Announced the following :**
 - i) A Fellowship Get together "Melodious Afternoon" would be organised followed by lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury on Sunday, 16th March, 2025 from 12 noon onwards at the Lila Bati Devi Resorts Hotels, 206B, B.B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata-700042 and requested members to make a note of it and attend the programme along with their spouse.
 - ii) President then informed members that the Club has launched a New Satellite Club called Rotary Club of Calcutta Colts and sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta. The necessary papers for joining the Club have already been circulated to all members. Interested members are requested to contact Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal for further details.
8. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed Members, all Dist. Officials, Visiting Rotarians and guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 3rd March, 2025.
 - c) There will be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesday 25th February, 2025 as the said meeting was held on 23rd February, 2025.
 - d) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan preceded by lunch at 12.30 p.m.
Speaker: Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi / Subject : "Union Budget -2025"
 - e) "Holi Milan -2025" has been organised on Sunday, 2nd March, 2025 at the residence of PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal. The address is "Agarwal House" 16, Ballygunge Park Road, Kolkata-700019 from 6.30 p.m. onwards followed by Fellowship and Chaats, hosted by PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal & R-Ann Asha Agrawal. Members are requested to block the date and attend with their spouses.
 - f) Fellowship Committee has organised the Annual Cricket Match-2025 between Members of Rotary Club of Calcutta and Calcutta Club Ltd. on Sunday, 9th March, 2025 at 9.30 a.m. followed by Fellowship and lunch hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla. Interested members are requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details and to register their name at the Club Office with Mr. Sambhu Dey.
9. At the request of Hony. Secretary, Rtn Hirak Ray, PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu and Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar introduced their candidates Mr. Pradipta Chandra Ganguly, Mrs. Aditi Nundy, Mr. Pramod Kumar Mathur, and Mr. Pulak Bagchi respectively.
At the request of Hony. Secretary, Past Presidents Rtn. P. K. Rohatgi, Nilima Joshi, Satish Kapur and Kanak Dutt inducted Mr. Ganguly, Mrs. Nundy, Mr. Mathur and Mr. Bagchi as members of the Club.
10. At the request of the President, Dist. Governor AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta addressed the audience.
11. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu introduced Ambassador Krishnan Srinivasan, Chief Guest on that day.
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13. Questions were raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
14. At the request of the President, Rtn. Santanu Deb Mookerjee gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
15. On behalf of the Club, President handed over mementoes to DG, Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and Ambassador Krishnan Srinivasan.
16. Sunshine Box Collection was Rs 1,200/- with special contribution from Rtn Nilima Joshi on that day.
17. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Tagoreland, India, R.I. District 3240.
18. Before adjoining the meeting, President requested all to join the Fellowship and Dinner. On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtn Subroto Lahiri & R-Ann. Anusree Lahiri for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day. He also handed over memento to Rtn Subroto Lahiri.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 8.05 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary