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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, eye check-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, 136 beneficiaries were screened in both





the camps, of which 110 required spectacle correction and 12 required surgical correction. The beneficiaries were grateful to Rotary Club of Calcutta's project VISION FOR ALL.

# **Total Project Value is:**

Camp Arrangements	Rs. 14,000
Spectacles 110 units Rs 800 each	Rs. 88,000
Total Project Value	Rs. 1,02,000

#### Reported by Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal

Project Implemented by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Chair Special Projects & Community Service.

# Holi Milan - 2 March 2025









Holi Milan, a joyous and exuberant celebration of vibrant hues, was held in full splendour, where every corner was alive with the magical essence of colour. The air was thick with the spirit of camaraderie and festivity, as friends and family gathered to bask in the warmth of togetherness. The delectable chaat, rich in Flavors and spices, tantalized the taste buds, adding a layer of culinary delight to the already exuberant atmosphere.

Our gracious hosts, Asha and Raj Agrawal, with their impeccable hospitality, truly embodied the soul of the celebration. Their warmth and kindness served as the perfect backdrop to the evening's festivities, making every guest feel not just welcomed, but cherished. With every laugh shared and story exchanged, the air was filled with an unmistakable sense of bonhomie, as Asha and Raj, with their infectious joy, fostered an environment where old bonds were strengthened, and new friendships blossomed.

This splendid gathering was not just another event, but a cherished tradition, firmly anchored in our Rotary Calendar. It is an occasion that each of us eagerly anticipates year after year, a time when the bonds of community are rekindled, and hearts connect amidst the

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celebration of Holi. The infectious beats of classic Bollywood music added an enchanting rhythm to the evening, as melodies from a golden era filled the air, sweeping everyone into a nostalgic reverie. With every note, the spirit of celebration soared higher, and we all danced to the timeless tunes of Bollywood, caught in the magic of the moment.

Indeed, this Holi Milan was a celebration not just of colours, but of life itself, in all its vibrant, sweet, and soulful splendour.

# Distinctions for Rtn Dr. Indrajit Roy





We know him as a medical person, now he emerges as a Translator of Tagore's Konika. Many congrats from The Old Number One.



# On International Women's Day, Rtn. Dr. Abhrajit Ray and Rtn Dr. Parthajit Das weigh in on Rheumatoid Arthritis







# **REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Berkeley, U.S.A, R.I. District 5160

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday,18th March, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

# Reports

- a) Friday, 7th March, 2025 "Prantakatha" in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta launched Specialised Free Transgender Clinic for Mental Health (sic) with networking lunch at 11 a.m. onwards at the British Club, 1 A, Ho-Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata.
- b) Annual Cricket Match 2025 Rotary Club of Calcutta vs Calcutta Club Ltd. held on Sunday, 9th March, 2025 at 9.30 a.m. onwards followed by Fellowship and Lunch hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla.

# Happy Birthday

Rtn. Nishant Shah
Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar
Rtn. Subha Pal

12th March
12th March
15th March

Wish you many happy returns of the day

# Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Dr. Jeetendra Sharma

& R-Ann Ruchi

13th March

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) will be held on Monday, 17th March, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor). All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

# 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); Breakfast. Registration 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 the 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.

### "ASADHARON" - Vocational Service Excellence Awards - 2025

Vocational Service Committee in association with R. C. of Calcutta New Alipore, R. C. of Calcutta Majestic, R. C. of Calcutta Metro City, and R.C. of Calcutta Endeavour, will organise "ASADHARON" - Vocational Service Excellence Awards - 2025 alongwith regular weekly meeting will be held on Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 at 6.00 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner. You are requested to attend the programme along with your spouse.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Sunday, 16th March,2025	Melodious Afternoon Followed by Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury & R- Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury	LBD Resorts and Hotels, 206B, B.B.Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata 700 042.
Monday, 17th March,2025	Ninth Meeting of the Board of Directors ( 2024-25 )	6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan.
Tuesday, 18th March, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rtn. Lata Bajoria's Residence : 76, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata 700043 3.30 p.m 4.20 p.m. : Tour of Jute Mill 4.30 p.m 5.30 p.m. : RWM 5.30 p.m 6.30 p.m. : High Tea
Sunday, 23rd March, 2025	Vocational Awards ceremony along with Regular Weekly Meeting	6.00 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan followed by Fellowship and Dinner.

# MINUTES OF THE 4974th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

- President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4974th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Subha Pal.
- 3. Minutes of the 4973rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 23rd February, 2025 were confirmed.
- 4. President welcomed CA Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi as the Chief Guest on that day. Rtn. Doshi would speak on "Highlights of the Union Budget -2025"
- 5. President then welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day and conveyed Greetings to their Clubs. At the request of the President, visiting Rotarian Maxim D. Schrogin, R.C. of Berkeley, U.S.A., RID 5160 addressed the audience about their Club.

#### 6. President Reported the following:

- a) Rotary Oration 2025 along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner hosted by Rtn. Subrata Kumar Lahiri was held on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
- b) "Holi Milan" was organised on Sunday, 2nd March,2025 at the residence of PP Rtn. Kumar Agrawal followed by Fellowship and Chaat hosted by Rtn Raj Agrawal.

### 7. President Announced the following:

- i) Fellowship Committee would be organising "Annual Cricket Match -2025", Rotary Club of Calcutta vs. Calcutta Club Ltd. on Sunday, 9th March, 2025 at 9.30 a.m. onwards followed by Fellowship and Lunch to be hosted by Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla & Rtn. Deepa Bagla and requested all to attend with spouse. Interested members are also requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details and to register their names to Club Office Mr. Sambhu Dey.
- ii) 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 at 12 noon onwards at the LBD Resorts Hotels, 206B, B.B. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, Kolkata-700 042 and he requested members to attend on that day along with their spouses.
- iii) Vocational Awards ceremony along with Regular Weekly Meeting will be held on Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. onwards at the Rotary Sadan followed by Fellowship and Dinner and he requested members to kindly block the date and attend the program along with 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 10th March, 2025.
- c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club would be on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. It would be a Closed-DoorMeeting, so there would be no Guest speaker on that day.
- d) "Prantakatha" in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta would launch Specialised Free Transgender Clinic for Mental Health (sic) with networking lunch on Friday, 7th March, 2025 at 11 a.m. onwards at the British Club, 1A, Ho-Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata and he requested members to attend.
- 9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Santanu Deb Mookerjea introduced CA Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi, Chief Guest on that day.
- 10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi addressed the audience.
- 11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
- 12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi.
- 14. Sunshine Box Collection was Rs 1,000/- with special contribution from Rtns Ashok Kumar Basu and Renuka Shah on that day.
- 15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony.
- 16. Meeting was adjourned at 2.17 p.m.

Subrata De President Suman Chakraborty Hony. Secretary