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**Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty**  
Speaker and Chief Guest

**AG's Official Visit**



Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, Assistant Governor, Zone 19, RI District 3291.

The Assistant Governor will meet with the Club Officers and Members.

Rotary  
Club of Calcutta  
105 Years in Service



## A "Melodious Afternoon" to Remember 16th March 2025

The Sunday afternoon that will be fondly remembered by all who were present. It was a day when the legendary Roychowdhury family hospitality was on full display-gracious, warm, and effortlessly welcoming. Our hosts, Sucharita, DGND Purnendu, and the ever-charming Bani Aunty, opened their home and hearts to members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta and the Rotary Club of Inner City. What followed was an afternoon filled with music, laughter, and camaraderie. Melodious live performances created a relaxed, cheerful mood, while a sumptuous lunch and fine drinks kept conversations flowing easily. The true spirit of Rotary fellowship shone brightly, as old friends caught up and new friendships were formed. Bani Aunty, Sriranjani,



and a few enthusiastic members added their own sparkle to the afternoon with spontaneous dancing, bringing smiles all around. It was an occasion where time seemed to slow down - guests



enjoying every moment of warmth, hospitality, and companionship. As one senior Rotarian put it, "This was the Roychowdhury hospitality at its legendary best!" As the sun set on a delightful gathering, we were left with fond memories and a sense of gratitude for an afternoon spent in such wonderful company. It was, truly, a day to cherish.

**Sent in by Indrajit Banerjee**

We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN  
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## Vision for All : AOS Community; AOF : Disease prevention and treatment

### Camp 28 Kankura Masat, S24 Pgn | Camp 29 Thalia, Howrah

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 50 eye camps 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 displayed. In total, 467 beneficiaries were screened in both the camps, of which 266 required spectacle correction and 53 required surgical correction.

**Total Project Value is as under :**

In Rs.	Camp 28	Camp 29
<b>Camp Arrangements</b>	14,000	14,000
<b>Spectacles @ 800</b>	1,28,800	84,000
<b>Total</b>	1,42,800	98,000

Donations received from AKS Rtn. Saurabh Khemani is gratefully acknowledged for these camps.

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

**Reported by Ravindra Khandelwal, Chair Community Service**



## RWM on 18 March 2025 – AOS Club



The RWM at 76, Garden Reach Road on 18th March 2025 was an experience unlike any other. Rtn. Lata Bajoria's residence stands as a strong testament to the harmonious relationship between humanity and Mother Earth. I was delighted to learn from her that her garden transforms into a magical haven for fireflies every evening - a clear sign that nature's elements are in perfect balance. The Guest, Amrita Bhattacharya, spoke on restoration of indigo cultivation and its uses as a non-toxic dye. Visiting the Hooghly Jute Mills Ltd. factory, just across the road, was a revelation. Who would have imagined a working jute mill in Calcutta in this day and age? My initial thoughts were filled with doubt, but there it was - a vibrant, fully integrated mill still processing fibre, carding, spinning, and weaving hessian with energy and precision! All credit to Lataji for keeping this vital industry alive, producing a completely biodegradable product - truly the need of the hour. Beyond that, she's offering invaluable support to countless individuals, providing livelihoods, and securing the futures of their families. Hats off to you, Lataji!

**From The Editor's Desk**



## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Clubs of Singapore, R.I. District 3310.

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)  
Speaker: Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay

### NO MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, 2025 on account of Holiday (Bengali New Year)

### REPORT

Vocational Service Excellence Awards Ceremony 2025 was held on Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

Organised by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Co-hosted by Rotary Clubs of Calcutta, New Alipore, Calcutta Majestic, Calcutta Metro City and Calcutta Endeavour, R.I. District 3291

### SAD DEMISE



We are saddened to report the demise of Sh. Anup Sen, husband of our former member Oindrila Sen, who passed away on 26 March 2025 in Santiniketan. Anup would play the accordion to perfection when we would sing English songs for any rotary event. A most amiable and knowledgeable gentleman. May he rest in eternal peace.



### Happy Birthday

Rtn. Dina Dutta Sarkar

1st April

Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee

3rd April

Rtn. Usha Agarwala

7th April

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### THIRD CLUB ASSEMBLY

Due to unavoidable circumstance, the Third Club Assembly of the Club scheduled to be held on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. in Rotary Sadan has been postponed. Next date for the same will be informed to you in due course.

### MAITREE – 2025 ON THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL, 2025

Youth Service & Literacy Committee will jointly organise in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance an Inter School Cultural Competition on Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan (Ground floor). You are requested to kindly attend the programme on that day.

### ANNUAL ENDOWMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Annual Endowment Award Ceremony will be on Saturday, 19th April, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. The programme will start at 6.00 p.m. followed by Dinner to be hosted by Rtn. B. D. Kothari and Rtn. Krishna Kumar Kothari. You are requested to kindly attend this important event with your spouse.



## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Thursday 3rd April, 2025	MAITREE -2025 an Inter School Cultural Competition	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday 8th April, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker: Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday 15th April, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	Holiday for Bengali New Year
Saturday 19th April, 2025	Annual Endowment Awards Ceremony -2025	6.00 p.m onwards, at the Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) followed by Dinner.
Tuesday 22nd April, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting District Governor's official visit to our Club	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday 29th April, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	_____

## MINUTES OF THE 4977th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 23.02.2025 AT 6.00 P.M AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members, District Officials and Guests and called the 4977th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. President informed members that in the absence of Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty, Rtn. Dr. Sarvani Gooptu would conduct Club business on that day.
3. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar. Minutes of the 4976th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 18th March, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President informed members that 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 have organised "ASADHARON" - Vocational Service Excellence Awards - 2025 on that day.
5. President welcomed Ms. Alokandana Roy as the Chief Guest for that day.  
President also welcomed RI Director, Rtn. Anirudha Roychowdhury, AG Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, DGND Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury as the Guests of Honour. President also welcomed Past President Rtn. Vikram Somany as the Special Guest on that day.
6. President then welcomed all PDGs, Dist. Officials, Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day and conveyed his greetings to their Clubs.  
After that, President welcomed DGE Rtn Dr Shahul Hamid, Rotary Club of Singapore and the members of R.C. of Singapore and exchanged the Club flag with them. President also felicitated DGE Rtn Dr Shahul Hamid, R.C. of Singapore.
7. At the request of the President, DGE Rtn Dr Shahul Hamid addressed the audience.
8. **President Reported the following :**  
On 23rd March, our Club conducted the 30th Eye Camp under "Vision for all" at Baidyabati, Dist. of Hooghly where 195 beneficiaries were present of which 137 will be given free spectacles and 33 of them were referred for IOL surgery.
9. **President Announced the following :**
  - i) Youth Service & Literacy Committee would jointly organise in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance an Inter School Cultural Competition on Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested members to kindly attend the programme. For further details please contact Rtn Dr. Saswati Mukherjee, Chairperson, Youth Service Committee.
  - ii) Health Care Committee will organise in association with Vivekananda Adarsha Milan Mandir a free Health Check-up Camp at Maju Bazar, Howrah on Sunday, 30th March, 2025 from 10 a.m. He requested members to attend.
10. **At the request of the President, Past Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
  - a) She welcomed Members, Dist. Officials, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
  - b) She then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 31st March, 2025.
  - c) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 25th February, 2025 as the said meeting was held on that day i.e. 23rd March, 2025.
  - d) Next weekly meeting on Tuesday, 1st April, 2025 is at 1.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. The Assistant Governor's Official visit to our Club is planned for that day.
  - e) Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Third Club Assembly to be held on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan has been postponed. New date for this Assembly will be announced in due course.
11. President then felicitated Mrs. Alokandana Roy as the Chief Guest on that day.
12. At the request of the President, Chief Guest, Mrs. Alokandana Roy addressed the audience.
13. On behalf of the Club, President expressed heartfelt gratitude for Past President Rtn. Vikram Somany's unstinted support and invaluable contributions to the Rotary Club of Calcutta. President also informed members that Past President, Rtn. Vikram Somany has completed fifty years of service in Rotary activities and felicitated Somany Ji with a memento.
14. At the request of the President, Rtn. Vikram Somany addressed the audience.
15. President then felicitated all PDGs and other District Officials.
16. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal, Chairperson, Vocational Service Committee organised "ASADHARON" - Vocational Service Excellence Awards-2025 and handed over the Certificates and mementoes to the Awardees by the Chief Guest, RI Director, PDGs and President.
17. After that President also felicitated all Presidents / Representatives of R. C. of Calcutta New Alipore, R. C. of Calcutta Majestic, R. C. of Calcutta Metro City, and R.C. of Calcutta Endeavour who co-hosted the programme on that day.
18. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
19. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
20. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary of Calcutta New Alipore, Calcutta Majestic, Calcutta Metro City and Calcutta Endeavour.
21. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner.
22. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Rajeev Paralikar, Dr. Indrajit Roy, Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Prosanta Kumar Roy, Subha Pal and Ashok Kumar Basu for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
23. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal and his Committee for organizing the Vocational Service Excellence Awards - 2025 Ceremony and also felicitated him.
24. Meeting was adjourned at 7.43 p.m.

**Subrata De**  
President

**Sarvani Gooptu**  
Past Secretary