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School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. He has conducted a National ROP Project with Orbis and AllMS, and is associated with projects of Rotary and Lions Clubs. He is a member of our Club, has multiple publications to his name and is a Speaker and Instructor in National and International fora. He will talk today on "Blindness in Paediatric Population & Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP): Indian Scenario".

# Cancer Awareness and Screening Camp: New Town Heights - 30th March, 2025: AOS Community, AOF Fighting Disease

The Club has launched a Cancer Screening and Detection Bus under Global Grant with Rotary Foundation and other International Clubs RC Dubbo and RC Dubbo South (both Australia) and RC Singapore in RID 3291. The healthcare partner for this project is Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital, Nayabad, New Garia.

The first Cancer Awareness Camp was organized at New Town Heights, Action Area III, New Town. This was an







awareness and screening camp. The camp started with a talk show of awareness of this deadly disease by specialist doctors form the Hospital. Nearly 50 residents joined the event which informed them to know the dos and don'ts for prevention of this disease. A special session was taken by a lady doctor for women to take a note of the symptomatic observation in their daily lives. Another specialist doctor gave a brief for the men to prevent cancer and the food habits in our daily lives. For the screening part, first the lady doctor examined about 40 women physically for the breast cancer and issued a prescription for doing Colposcopy for detection of Cervical Cancer and examination test for Breast cancer who needed most. Overall, the camp was excellent, and NO one was detected. DGND Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury was present in the camp.

#### Reported by: Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury

Chair International and GG Primary Contact for this project

We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN https://rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org
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## Health Camp at Maju, Howrah, 30 March 2025 - AOS Community; AOF Fighting Disease









Free health check-up, free medicines and blood tests and ECG for all. Total of 100 beneficiaries, a remarkable success.

**Reported by Rtn Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha,** Chair Health. A group of doctors led by Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha sponsored the entire activity - Ed.



# MAITREE 2025 – An Inter-School Cultural Competition in Bengali – AOS Club, New Generations Rotary Sadan 3 Apr 2025







The Rotary Clubs of Calcutta Youth Service and Literacy Committees and Calcutta Renaissance jointly hosted MAITREE 2025, a Bengali inter-school cultural competition, on April 3 at Rotary Sadan. Seventy students from 14 vernacular schools participated in debates, quizzes, and elocution. The event aimed to build confidence and showcase talent among Bengalimedium students. RC Calcutta Renaissance facilitated participation from five schools. A total of 145 students and teachers attended. By all accounts, first hand and WA'd, an excellent event. Detailed report in the next issue.

### **REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **ONE WORLD**

- Ed

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bangalore, India, R.I. District 3192

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 22nd April, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) / Speaker : DG Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, District Governor's official visit to our Club.

#### **NO MEETING**

- I) There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, 2025 on account of Holiday (Bengali New
- ii) There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025

#### **REPORT**

The Youth Service & Literacy Committees jointly organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance an Inter School Cultural Competition "Maitree" held on Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan (Ground floor).

#### Happy Birthday

Rtn. Mahesh Pansari 9th April Rtn. Satnam Singh Ahluwalia 10th April 14th April Rtn. Abhyuday Anup Kaushal Rtn. Dr. Biswajit Paul 16th April Rtn. Shailendra Kumar Gupta 16th April Wish you many happy returns of the day

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Shiv Ratan Goenka & R-Ann Madhulika

Rtn. Shailendra Kumar Gupta

& R-Ann Madhu

16th April

20th April

#### ANNUAL ENDOWMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

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

#### **Board Meeting**

The tenth meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 28th April, 2025 at 6.00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (1st Floor). All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

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

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
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 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.
Monday 28th April, 2025	1 Oth Board Meeting	6.00 p. m. at Rotary Sadan (1 st floor)
Tuesday 29th April, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	

# MINUTES OF THE 4978th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 01.04.2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4978th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh. Minutes of the 4977th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 23rd March, 2025 were confirmed.
- 3. President welcomed Assistant Governor, Zone 19, Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty as the Chief Guest on that day.
- 4. President also welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed Greetings to their Clubs.

#### 5. President Reported the following:

- a) President informed the sad demise of late Mr. Anup Sen, husband of our Ex-member Mrs. Oindrila Sen who passed away on 27th March, 2025 and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.
- b) Last Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 Vocational Service Committee in association with Rotary Clubs of Calcutta New Alipore, Calcutta Majestic, Calcutta Metro City and Calcutta Endeavour organised "ASADHARON" Vocational Service Excellence Awards 2025 along with Regular Meeting followed byfellowship and dinner.
- c) Heath Care Committee organised in association with Vivekananda Adarsha Milan Mandir, a free Health Checkup Camp at Maju Bazar, Howrah last Sunday, 30th March, 2025.
- d) President informed members that the following names of the Office Bearers for the Rotary year 2025-26 have been uploaded in the My Rotary website and Rotary Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7:

President Elect: Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay

Joint Secretary: Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu

Treasurer: Rtn Indrajit Banerjee

International Chair: Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury

#### 5. 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 "Maitree" on Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested members to kindly attend the programme on that day.
- ii) Annual Endowment Award Ceremony would be held on Saturday, 19th April, 2025 at Rotary Sadan 6.00 p.m. onwards followed by Dinner to be hosted by Rtn. B.D. Kothari and Rtn. Krishna Kumar Kothari and requested members to kindly attend the important event with spouse.

# 7. 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 7th April, 2025.
- c) The Next meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. Speaker: Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay
- d) Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Third Club Assembly of the Club scheduled to be held on Sunday, 6th April, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan has been postponed. Next date of the same will be informed in due course
- 11. At the request of the President, AG Rtn Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty addressed the audience.
- 12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
- 13. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee on that day.
- 15. On behalf of the Club, President presented a memento to Chief Guest, Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty.
- 16. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Singapore, R.I. District 3310.
- 17. Meeting was adjourned at 1.55 p.m.

Subrata De President Suman Chakraborty Hony. Secretary