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### AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

#### Official DG Visit



DG Krishnendu needs no introduction. A true Rotary stalwart whose journey since 1992 reflects outstanding service and leadership. A member of RC Calcutta Victoria since 1997, he's a Paul Harris Fellow and the first from District 3291 in the Arch Klumph Society – Trustees Circle.

The Official Visit of the District Governor (DG) to our Club stands out as one of the most significant and formal events on our Club's annual calendar. It is a moment of pride and excitement, as members get the rare and valuable opportunity to meet and interact with the DG, who is often occupied with numerous commitments across the district. This visit is not just ceremonial — it carries great importance in aligning our Club with the broader goals and vision of Rotary International.

During the meeting, the DG shares insights into the RI President's priorities for the year and sheds light on key initiatives being pursued at both the international and district levels. It is a great chance for members to

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stay updated, inspired, and engaged. The DG also uses this platform to encourage active participation in club and district programs, as well as in impactful service projects.

But beyond the formal agenda, the visit is also a time to celebrate. The DG takes a moment to recognize exceptional club projects and applaud the hard work and dedication of individual Rotarians. All in all, it is an inspiring day that reminds us why we do what we do - and how much more we can achieve together under our driving philosophy of Service Before Self.

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

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Youth Service and Literacy Committees and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance jointly organized the Inter-school Cultural Competition in Bengali, MAITREE 2025, on April 3, 2025, at Rotary Sadan.

MAITREE aims to empower Bengali-medium school students by providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and build confidence, similar to the opportunities available to students in English-medium schools. 70 students (Class VIII-XII) from 14 different vernacular schools participated in this programme in and across Kolkata. It featured a variety of competitions, including debates, quizzes, and elocution, all conducted in the Bengali language. Each competition was thoughtfully organized, which lasted one hour, with pre-determined modalities to ensure a smooth flow. RC Calcutta Renaissance supported the programme by successfully arranging five vernacular schools to participate in the event. The programme was attended by 145 participants, including students and accompanying teachers.

In the elocution session, participants recited poems from memory, with a maximum duration of 3 minutes. The quiz began with a preliminary round of 24 students, with only six top teams selected for the finals out of the 12 participating teams. The topic for the debate session was given in advance, and each was allowed three minutes to express their opinions for or against the motion of the topic. The



We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN  
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E-mail: [rotarycalcutta.office@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycalcutta.office@gmail.com)



trophies and certificates were awarded to the first and second-place winners, while all participants were given participation certificates.

The inaugural ceremony began at 10:30 a.m. with the national anthem performed by the full house. Rtn Dr. Saswati Mukherjee, welcomed the audience by mentioning the purpose and importance of MAITREE. The programme was moderated by Rtn Sanjeeb Gandhi from RC Calcutta Renaissance. President Rtn Subrata De provided insightful remarks, emphasizing the importance of MAITREE, which was started in 2003 and continued until 2018, before being revived in 2023. Rtn Rupa Majumdar, President of RC Calcutta Renaissance, also delivered an inspiring speech for the participants. Rtn Aninda Dey, the incoming president of RC Calcutta Renaissance also shared his thoughts. The Chief Guest, DG Rtn Krishnendu Gupta, provided valuable insights to the audience. District officials shared their views on the importance of such events in fostering student engagement. The inaugural ceremony concluded with a lighting of a lamp, symbolizing hope and new beginnings.

The competitions were meticulously organised and started on time, showcasing remarkable talent. Participants impressed the audience with their captivating performances. Rtn Arijit Sen of RC Calcutta Newbies conducted the quiz. Rtn Dr. Krishna Sen and Rtn Shoma Basu evaluated the elocution, and Rtn Sanjib Basu and Rtn Rupa Majumdar assessed the debates, all contributing to a memorable and inspiring event.

In the quiz competition, the team that secured first place was Avinava Das and Ankur Das from Silver Point School. Tathagata Das and Debmalya Ghosh from Tiljala Boys High School took the second position. Broti Biswas from A.K. Mitra Institution won the first prize in elocution, while Dipanwita Seal from Jodhpur Park Girls' High School achieved second place.

In the debate session, Priya Mistry from Taki House Government Sponsored Girls'



High School emerged as the first prize winner, speaking in favour of the motion. Snigdha Barua from Jodhpur Park Girls' High School came in second, speaking against the motion. Additionally, Broti Biswas from A. K. Mitra Institution won the second prize in the debate, speaking for the motion, while Himanshu Maitra from Silver Point School secured second place, speaking against the motion.

The event was graced by several district officials, including DICC Rtn Arpita Chatterjee, AG Rtn Srabonee Mitra, AG Elect Rtn Samrat Sengupta, and Rotarians from RC Calcutta and RC Calcutta Renaissance. The presidents of both clubs, along with Hony. Secretary Rtn Suman Chakraborty, were also present; several Rotarians attended the programme, including IPP Rtn Kanak Dutta, Rtn B.K. Dalmia, Rtn Kirit Patel, PP Rtn Haladhar Dey, PP Rtn Abhijit Kolay, CYP DGND Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury, Rtn Debnath Chattopadhyay, Rtn Nilima Joshi, Rtn Hirak Ray, Rtn Ashok Basu, Rtn Anand Sharma, Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury, Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal, and Rtn Sonia Dutt. Special recognition goes to PP Rtn Heena Gorsia for her unwavering support throughout the event. Rtn Shampa Ghosh sponsored the juices, while Rtn Anand sponsored Jhaal Moori. The exceptional efforts of Rtn Ruchika Majumdar, were commendable, along with Rtn Yogesh Dassani for his all-around support. Special mention also goes to the office staff of







RC Calcutta for their timely assistance. Additionally, three interactors from Mahadevi Birla World Academy actively participated in various tasks, ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

Report by Youth Chair, Saswati

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

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

### NEXT MEETING

Saturday, 3rd May 2025 joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. Program – Debate, details TBA

### NO MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025

### REPORT

Annual Endowment Award Ceremony held on Saturday, 19th April, 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 6.00 p.m. onwards followed by Dinner hosted by Rtn. B.D. Kothari and Rtn. Krishna Kumar Kothari.

### Happy Birthday

Rtn. Abhijit Kolay	23rd April
Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddar	27th April
Rtn. Shauryaveer Himatsingka	27th April
Rtn. Raghunath Dey	30th April
Wish you many happy returns of the day	

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Hemant Kanoria & R-Ann Madhulika	22nd April
Rtn. Shree Kumar Bangur & R-Ann Shashi	25th April
Rtn. Dr.Sourabh Khemani & Rtn. Joshita Davar Khemani	25th April
Rtn. Dr Ajay Agarwal & R-Ann Indrani	27th April
Rtn Dr. Sanjay Kumar & R-Ann Aradhana	27th April
Rtn. Ritwik Gupta & R-Ann Anuradha	27th April

### Resignation

The Board at its meeting held on 17th March accepted resignation of Rtn Sujoy Banerjee with effect from 30th March, 2025

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

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Monday 28th April, 2025	10th Board Meeting	6.00 p. m. at Rotary Sadan. ( 1st floor )
Tuesday 29th April, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	—
Saturday 3rd May, 2025	Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City. Programme : Debate	6.30 p.m. onwards Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) followed by fellowship and dinner
Tuesday 13th May, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Akriti Saboo	Rotary Sadan ( 2nd floor ) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday 20th May, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan ( 2nd floor ) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday 27th May, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan ( 2nd floor ) at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

## MINUTES OF THE 4979TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 08.04.2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

In absence of President, Rtn Subrata De, Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne conducted the meeting.

1. Past President Rtn. Sujata Pyne welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4979th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Dr. Sarvani Gooptu.
3. Minutes of the 4978th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 1st April, 2025 were confirmed.
4. Past President welcomed Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay, Consultant Vitreo – Retina Surgeon, Priyamvada Birla Arvind Eye Hospital as the Chief Guest of the day.
5. Past President also welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed Greetings to their Clubs.
6. **Past President Reported the following :**  
Youth Service & Literacy Committee jointly organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance an Inter School Cultural Competition “MAITREE” on last Thursday, 3rd April, 2025 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan.
7. **Past President Announced the following :**  
Annual Endowment Award Ceremony would be held on Saturday, 19th April, 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 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 spouses.
8. **At the request of the Past 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 21st April, 2025.
  - c) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 15th April, 2025 on account of Holiday (Bengali New Year). He also informed members that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025.
  - d) Next meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 22nd April, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. Speaker : District Governor, AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, official visit to the Club.
  - e) Tenth meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club would be held on Monday, 28th April, 2025 at 6.00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan and requested all members of the Board to make a note of it and attend.
  - f) The Board at its meeting held on 17th March, 2025 accepted the resignation of Rtn. Sujoy Banerjee with effect from 30th March, 2025.
  - g) Hony. Secretary also informed members that International Service & Long-Term Committee would be organising the inauguration of PRANDADHARA-Community Clean Drinking Water projects during the month of April, 2025 on the following dates :

Day	Date	Timing	Locations	Address
Friday	18th April, 2025	5 p.m.	Adyapeeth Mandir	50D, Mondal Ghat Road, Dakhineswar
Saturday	19th April, 2025	11 a.m.	Sanderbill, Sri Ram Krishna Missions	Kanaknagar, Hingalganj, Lebukhali
Monday	21st April, 2025	11 a.m.	Kankura Masat Social Welfare Society	Kankura Moshat, Diamond Harbour
Tuesday	22nd April, 2025	11 a.m.	Jibonpur HDS	Vill. : Jibonpur, P.O. : Chowastha Bhangar

He also requested all members to kindly make a note of it attend and for further details please contact International Chair, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury.

11. At the request of the Past President Rtn Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay introduced Chief Guest, Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay.
12. At the request of the Past President, Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay addressed the audience on “Blindness in Pediatric Population and Retinopathy of Prematurity – Indian Scenario”.
13. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
14. At the request of the Past President, Rtn. Sumangala Murarka gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
15. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
16. On behalf of the Club, Past President presented a Memento to Chief Guest, Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay.
17. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary of Bangalore, India, R.I. District 3192.
18. Meeting was adjourned at 2.11 p.m.

**Sujata Pyne**  
Past President

**Suman Chakraborty**  
Hony. Secretary