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## Debate – AOS Club AOF Encouraging Conversations

The debate has become an annual fixture of the Club. Today the proposition is “We believe marriage is for convenience, not love” that the RC Calcutta team is defending. RC Inner City rebuts it.

## Endowment Awards - Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust – AOS Club

The Endowment Awards R.Y. 2024-2025 was held on 19th April 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 6:00 PM, organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust, under the able leadership of Chairman Rtn. Kanak Dutt. This is our Club's flagship project, annually held with great fervour and meticulous planning.

The event highlighted Rotary's commitment to long-term community welfare through the strategic use of endowment funds. In the past, Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Calcutta had contributed lump-sum amounts — typically ₹1–2 lakhs — towards various causes.

These contributions were invested prudently to generate sustainable interest, which every year supports a wide range of social initiatives.

This year, ₹13.90 lakhs were distributed to 99 beneficiaries through direct cheque disbursements. Each endowment is purpose-specific — for example, aid for cancer patients, scholarships for board exam toppers in English and Bengali, funding for the renovation of school buildings, water filters, eye

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surgeries, water filter for clean drinking water, etc. Beneficiaries were identified and personally invited to the event to receive their cheques on stage, underscoring the club's commitment to transparency and personal impact.

The evening was graced by Chief Guest Rtn. Kithsiri Athulathmudali and his wife R-Ann Gowri, and the auditorium saw a full house of Rotarians, awardees, and guests. All beneficiaries were provided with snack boxes, generously sponsored by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne and sumptuous dinner was generously sponsored by Rtn. Bithal Das Kothari and Rtn. Krishna Kr. Kothari for the members and guests.

The Endowment Awards RY 2024-2025 stood as a testament to Rotary's enduring spirit of service, community engagement, and sustainable giving.

Special thanks and gratitude from the Trust Chair Rtn Kanak Dutt to all the donors who have donated for the creation of the Endowment Fund. He also thank Rotarians Abhijit Koley, Nilima Joshi, Raj Agarwal, Krishna Sen, Sarvani Gooptu, Arindam Roychowdhury, Yogesh Dassani, Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Ravindra Khandelwal and Sonia Dutt for resolving this huge task along with Chair of the Trust. Rtn Dutt also thanked the office staffs Shambhu, Krishna, Prabir, Anjan, Goutam, Kartik and others for their sincere efforts.

Reported by Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal



We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN  
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## Pranadhara Community Drinking Water Project under Global Grant 2568942 AOS Community; AOF Providing Clean Water



The Pranadhara project approved under Global Grant along with International Partner Club Rotary Club of Colleyville, USA was inaugurated in three different locations. Rtn Keith along with his gracious wife Gowri came to Kolkata for attending the inauguration and inspection of the projects. Tata Swatch Jal team installed all the 10 water filtration plants. The first inauguration took place at Adyapeeth Mandir at Dakshineswar where purified water will be given to the hundreds of visitors who come every day. The ceremony was attended by many Rotarians from our club and PDG Angshuman Bandyopadhyay and his entire family were present. Rotarians of other clubs also joined the ceremony. The machines installed have a capacity of supplying 1000 Liters of purified water per hour. The project aims to supply 50000 liters of water per day to the common people. This machine removes 99.999% of Polio Virus, E-Coli, Hepatitis A & B, and other water borne diseases from the raw water. The second plant was inaugurated by Rtn Keith at Sanderbill Ramakrishna Mission at Hingalgunje, Lebukhali, Sunderban. This initiative will supply purified water to about 3000 families in the villages where the community doesn't have the access to pure drinking water. The third plant was inaugurated at South Eastern Railway Hospital at Garden Reach. Our PDG Prabir Chatterjee was present in the ceremony. This installation will provide purified water to the patients coming for treatment to the hospital every day. Rotarians from RID 3291 were also present in the opening ceremony.



**Reported by Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Chair International**

Similar installations were inaugurated in 3 other locations, one of which I had the privilege to attend. The pictures printed, quite limited in number, hardly capture the energy of the moment. Truly an effort at the intersection of core community service, international, district and club collaboration. - Ed

## 3 Bin Waste Disposal system for Zero Waste Circular Economy at Shishu Kalyan School, Sarsuna, AOS Community AOF Environment - 24th April 2025



Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust sponsored 54 dustbins in red, blue, and green for waste management at Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls (H.S.), Sarsuna, Kolkata. The school segregates waste and has started a micro composting plant for its terrace garden, used for mid-day meals, creating a zero-waste circular economy. Our club earlier donated 5 computers and a 200 LPH drinking water filter, both in good condition. Principal Smt. Sarbari

Sengupta received a Vocational Excellence award in 2023. Rtn. Yogesh Dassani and Rtn. Ravindra were felicitated. Thanks to RCCWT Chairman IPP Rtn. Kanak Dutt for arranging funds.

**Excerpted from a report from Ravindra Khandelwal, Chairperson, Community Service committee**



## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

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

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th May, 2025, at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.  
at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)  
Speaker : Akriti Saboo

District Governor, AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta's official visit to the Club was held on Tuesday, 22nd April, 2026 at the Regular Weekly Meeting.

### RABINDRA JAYANTI & NAZRUL SANDHYA

Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya will be observed on Friday, the 9th May, 2025 at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) at 6.00 p.m. onwards with a programme to be staged by the students of the Cultural Section. You are requested to join the programme with your family.

### Members are encouraged to join this exciting event

Local Host Club:  
**Rotary Club of Kabitirha Calcutta**  
Date & Time:  
**25 May 2025 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM**  
Location:  
**Chakra Chakra Auditorium** (Near the New Metro Station, 700 001)  
Ticket Price: **Rs. 2,450/-**  
Payment Mode:  
20% Online Transfer  
Balance at New International Centre  
After Payment  
Please see General Form  
Online Registration/Registration  
Bank Details:  
Rotary Club of Kabitirha Calcutta  
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### Happy Birthday

Rtn. Arunava Mukerji 05th May  
Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha 08th May  
Rtn. Arunima Dey 10th May  
Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury 12th May  
*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Rachana Nahata & Mr. Ajay Nahata 04th May  
Rtn. Suvamoy Saha & R-Ann Neena 06th May  
Rtn. Harsh Vardhan Patodia & R-Ann Indu 06th May  
Rtn. Dilip Kumar Jaiswal & R-Ann Padmini 06th May  
Rtn. Promita Saha & Mr. Kumardip Khan 06th May  
Rtn Sakti Kumar Banerjee & R-Ann Smaranika 07th May  
Rtn. Swapan Kumar Dey & R-Ann Ila 08th May  
Rtn Gautam Dey & R-Ann Bani 10th May  
Rtn. Renuka Shah & Mr. Mahesh 10th May  
Rtn Shalini Biswas & Mr. Sumit 11th May  
Rtn Kirit M Patel & R-Ann Kusum 12th May

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

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 13th May, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Akriti Saboo	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) at 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.

## W A R M T H

**Rtn Kithsiri and Ann Gowri's energy and spirit is infectious. Here's a heartwarming exchange with Rtn Rajeev Paralikar**

Rotary Salaam and good morning! It was a privilege to join you at the inaugurations of PRANADHARA Drinking Water Plants near Kolkata. Kieth, your inspiring words truly reflected the spirit of Rotary, and Gowri, your grace as a Rotary Anne left a lasting impression. I am grateful for our meeting at the RI Convention 2024 in Singapore — what followed was the true magic of Rotary. I hope the bond between you, Arindam, and all of us continues to grow in service. Warm regards, Rajeev

Good morning and thank you for your kind message. We were deeply touched by the warm welcome and hospitality in Kolkata. Working with Rotary here has been a rewarding experience. With District 5790 in Texas, I'm committed to continuing this journey with Arindam and your clubs. I believe our meeting was divinely guided, and I'm grateful for your support and friendship. Blessings and best wishes, Kieth and Gowri

**MINUTES OF THE 4980th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON  
22.04.2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members, District Officials and Guests and called the 4980th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 4979th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 8th April, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President informed members that District Governor's Official Club Visit was being held that day and on behalf of the Club welcomed DG AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. He also welcomed all District Officials who were attending the meeting on that day.
5. President also welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed Greetings to their Clubs.
6. **President reported the following :**
  - a) International Service & Long-Term Committee organised and inaugurated PRANDADHARA-Community Clean Drinking Water projects during the month of April, 2025 :
    - i) 18th April, 2025 – at Adyapeeth Mandir, Dakhineswar at 5 p.m.
    - ii) 19th April, 2025 – at Sanderbill Sri Ram Krishna Mission, Kanaknagar, Hingaljanj at 11 a.m.
    - iii) 21st April, 2025 – Kankura Masat Social Welfare Society, Kankura Moshat, Diamond Harbour at 11 a.m.
    - iv) 22nd April, 2025 – Jibonpur HDS Vill : Jibonpur, P.O : Chowastha Bhangar at 11 a.m.
  - b) Annual Endowment Award Ceremony was held last 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.
  - c) At the request of the President, DG AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta handed over a cheque for Rs. Two lakhs to the representative from Darjeeling Chintan School for the teacher honorarium for the financial year 2025-26 and the President also informed members that the amount was donated by PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury. On behalf of the Club, he thanked PP Rtn. Roychowdhury for his donation.
7. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
  - a) He welcomed Dist. Governor, Dist. Officials, Members, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
  - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 2nd May, 2025.
  - c) He informed members that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025.
  - d) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Saturday will be held on 3rd May 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) and it would be a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City followed by fellowship and dinner. Programme : Debate
8. At the request of the President, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairman, International Service, Long Term and Special Project Committee and Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee, Chairperson, Youth Service Committee made presentation of their Committee activities during the Rotary year 2024-25. At the request of the President Rtn. Roshni Ganguly, Chairperson, NCLCL, Cultural Section and Computer Center Committee also reported her committee activities during the Rotary year 2024-25.
9. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty then made a presentation of overview activities of the Club during the Rotary year 2024-25.
10. At the request of the President, DG AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and other District Officials addressed the audience.
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the District Governor and other Dist. Officials.
12. At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 1,100/- with special contribution from PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay and Rtn. B. K. Poddar on that day.
14. On behalf of the Club, President presented mementoes to DG AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and AG Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary of Calcutta Victoria, India, R.I. District 329 home Club of Dist. Governor.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 3.10 p.m.

**Subrata De**  
Past President

**Suman Chakraborty**  
Hony. Secretary