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### 106th Installation of Rotary Club of Calcutta

**Venue : Rotary Sadan Date : 4th July 2025 Time : 6.30 PM**

Rotary Club of Calcutta held its 106th Installation ceremony with traditional grandeur in the presence of more than 150 members and guests at the Rotary Sadan in their formal red, black and gold dress code. Rotary Sadan looked proud and gorgeous, brightly lit by thousands of lights, resplendent with flower bouquets and pots of decorative plants. The guests included the Chief Guest, Honble Shri Biswanath Somadder and Guest of Honour, District Governor Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri and his gracious spouse Rtn Dr Bandana Homchaudhuri. Past District Governors, District Officials, Past Presidents of the club, Members and their spouses and other guests, were all ushered in by Rotarians at the Registration desk led by Rtn Abhijit Kolay, Rtn Sarvani Gooptu and R-Ann Preeti Dassani and in the hall by Rtn Ruchika Majumdar, Rtn Shampa Ghose, Rtn Yogesh Dassani, Rtn Indrajit Banerjee and Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal. The programme started at 6.30 with the Programmes Chair Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee ably acting as the Master of Ceremonies and with the National Anthem led by Vice President Rtn Anusua Das. The outgoing President Rtn Subrata De and Hony. Secretary Rtn Suman Chakraborty started by thanking their team for their support in the past year and President De provided a short description of the work done in the year gone by. The handing over of the mementos to the guests was ably assisted by Rtn Sriranjani Joshi and Ann Haimanti Banerjee backstage. The outgoing President handed over two trophies – one BK Rohatgi prize for Outstanding Rotarian to CYP and DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury and Rtn Kanak Dutta prize for Rotarian of the year to Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury. The present team led by Rtn Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay and Hony. Secretary Rtn Ashok Kr. Basu handed over two silver salvers to the outgoing President and Hony. Secretary. Thereafter the guests lit the ceremonial lamp and an invocation was sung by Rtn Sarvani Gooptu. President of 2024-2025 Rtn Subrata De then installed the new President in a change over ceremony by handing over the Collar, Charter and Hammer.



**We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN**  
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The new President 2025-26 then addressed the full house giving in detail his plans for the year in all the avenues of service – health, environment, vocational, literacy, women's empowerment and youth development. He then introduced his Board members, Club officials and Committee Chairs to the members and guests. The Hon. Secretary Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu then presented Club business and mentioned a few events which were to

follow that week. The President then invited Rtn Pramod Kumar Mathur and Rtn Tapan Basu to hand over their cheques to the Foundation to the District Governor. After that the DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, the Guest of Honour addressed the audience. He first presented a small video on the importance of Thalassaemia detection and treatment and impressed on the audience of the need to prioritise health care for members and RCCs along with other club projects. He said that like polio, there should be a concerted effort by the state and national government as well as Rotary and other NGOs to eradicate Thalassaemia since it is preventable if not curable. He welcomed the club to organize awareness programmes, blood donation camps and pathological tests in schools and colleges. After his speech, AKS Rtn Sourabh Khemani spoke about the importance of donating to the Foundation and introduced the Chief Guest Honble Somnader, Chief Justice of High Court of Sikkim. The Chief Guest spoke on an important subject of how judiciary is often misrepresented in social media, as a result of which one of the main pillars of democracy is undermined. He spoke of reels or memes where Judges are often quoted out of context and words often distorted for questionable motives which is harmful for the country since the judiciary is the last resort of the citizens when they feel threatened. His speech was followed by a delightful tradition of the club where the men and women are toasted in good humoured banter. This year Rtn Bodhibrata Das and Rtn Sriranjani Joshi set the bar high with their jokes and repartees and kept the audience in splits. Finally, the President thanked his Installation team for the excellent work they had done in organizing the special day and invited all to join in the fellowship and dinner.

**Reported by Sarvani Gooptu, Jt. Editor**

## Docs and CA Day – 1 July 2025



Celebration of Doctors' Day and CA day started through a debate by Rotary Club of Calcutta, Calcutta Colts and Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City. Debate Motion "In today's world, the medical bill is more important than the diagnosis" CAs in favour of the motion - Rtn Amal Chakraborty, Rtn Smarajit Mitra and Rtn Anita Toshniwal. Doctors against the motion : Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay, Dr Debashis Dutta and Dr Amit Paul. The debate was moderated by Rtn Pradeep Gooptu. The chartered accountants highlighted the role of their profession in setting standards of integrity and vigilance against misuse by non-medical players in the healthcare sector. Their point that financial management and management were essential was well accepted by the audience.

The doctor's group adopted a more personalised approach highlighting the need to deliver healthcare services to all and building an appropriate system. Stressing on the need for diagnostic infrastructure, the doctors as the Opposition in the debate carried the day by a slight margin in keeping with the fundamental ethos of the Rotary movement, service.

The debate was followed by a cultural performance by Doctors and their friends, a medley of songs to begin with and then a Shruti Natok (a seated readout of a scripted drama).

**Reported by Rtn Pradeep Gooptu and others**





## Doctors' Day - Felicitation of Doctors – Pathar Pratima Island – 1 July 2025



For the first time, Doctors' Day was observed with due reverence at the Patharpratima Madhabnagar Primary Health Centre. The Block Medical Officer is not aware of any such celebration having taken place here in the past. Therefore, with the support and

cooperation of Rotary Club of Calcutta, Khorda Manonaya Welfare Society, Dakshin Gopalanagar Janme Joy Smriti Sangha, and Vivekananda Shiksha Mandir, we were able to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy with proper honour.

12 Doctors in Primary Health Care Centers in remote areas of Sundarbans were felicitated remotely by President Debnath Chattopadhyay. Certificates of appreciation and mementos were handed out. President held the hope that there will be more engagement in the days to come in the areas of health, eye care and thalassemia.

## Doctors Day : Eye Check-up camp – Silver Point School – 1 July 2025



President Debnath Chattopadhyay led the camp. Under the guidance of Principal of the School, Mrs Sucharita Roychowdhury, 12 enthusiastic Interactors conducted the Camp efficiently. 100 beneficiaries (students of classes V & VI and some helping staff) availed the opportunity of the Free Eye Camp. The Optometrists, Mr Animesh Chatterjee and Mr Sunirmal Chakraborty, with addressed their concerns with great care and prescribed medicines for their recovery. The smile on the faces showed the satisfaction they felt from attending the Camp was a significant step towards enhancing community health and wellbeing.

## Activity Report of the Interact Club of Silver Point School – July 2025



The Interact Club of Silver Point School recently organised a highly successful **Blood Donation Camp** on **July 9, 2025**, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at the school's Basement Hall. This impactful event, themed "**BE A LIFE SAVER FOR SOMEONE, DONATE BLOOD**", served as a heartfelt tribute to the late founder, Shri Pannalal Roychowdhury, whose vision laid the foundation for the esteemed institution. The camp was a collaborative effort with '**Project Life Force**,' a registered organization committed to achieving 'A zero blood deficit in West Bengal.'

The primary objectives of the camp were to honour the founder's dedication to health and education, alleviate the critical shortage of blood in blood banks, emphasise that a single pint of blood can save three lives, and educate the community that blood donation



is safe, as the body regenerates blood within 24 hours.

The event saw a strong turnout of **30 donors**, comprising ex-students, parents, current students, and teachers, who selflessly donated blood. Guiding the camp were **12 Interactors** and **10 student volunteers** from the senior section. Their dedication ensured a smooth flow of activities, from ushering guests and facilitating registration to ensuring a comfortable donation experience for all participants. They also remained vigilant for any potential emergencies.

The camp was graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, including Shri Baiswanor Chattopadhyay (Councilor of Ward 91), Smt Bani Roychowdhury (Founder, Trustee member, Silver Point School), Rtn Arpita Chatterjee (District Interact Committee Chair, RID 3291), Mr Ujawane Rupesh Arun Kumar (Army Personnel, Fort William), and notable members from the Rotary Club of Calcutta, such as Rtn. Ashok Basu, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury and Rtn Yogesh Dassani.

The program commenced with a welcome speech, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the guests. Principal Ms. Sucharita Roychowdhury, PIC Mr. Abhigyan Choudhury, and Vice Principal Mr. Joydeep Dutta felicitated the honourable guests. The enthusiastic student volunteers took a collective oath : **"LET'S JOIN HANDS AND GIVE BACK TO THE SOCIETY,"** embodying the spirit of community service.

Each donor received a food packet and a certificate as a token of appreciation for their voluntary contribution. The collected blood was sent to the Indian Blood Bank for vital use. This blood donation camp not only upheld the noble ideals of Late Shri Pannalal Roychowdhury but also underscored the Interact Club's unwavering commitment to serving society, truly reflecting the ethos of **"For It Is in Giving That We Receive"** and **"Service Above Self."**

Report by Rtn Dr Saswati Mukherjee, Youth Service Chair



## Thanksgiving : Felicitation and Recognition Program



Date : June 29, 2025

The Rotary Club of Calcutta successfully hosted its much-anticipated felicitation and recognition program on June 29, 2025, marking the culmination of another remarkable year of service. This cherished event was held to honor outstanding achievements and underscore the unwavering spirit of service that defines our Club.

The program celebrated the dedication and hard work of our members who had tirelessly served our community and beyond throughout the year. Their commitment served as a profound inspiration to all attendees and exemplified Rotary's ethos of "Service Above Self."

Members gathered to applaud the significant contributions made by their peers, acknowledging the positive impact fostered by their efforts. The event also served as an opportunity to renew the Club's collective pledge to continue making a positive impact in the year ahead. The evening was a testament to the Club's vibrant spirit and its ongoing commitment to community betterment.

Report by Rtn Suman Chakraborty, Hony. Secretary 2024-25

## Goodwill visit by Rtn Subha Pal – RC London



I attended the Rotary Club of London's meeting this afternoon 7th July, Monday at the Chesterfield Hotel, Mayfair, London. It was the District Governor's (Dist 1130) visit on the same day. There was also a Director from Rotary International visiting the club. Apart from me visiting the Rotary club of London, there were visiting Rotarians from Spain, Jamaica, Japan, Germany attending the meeting. When my turn came, I was given 2 minutes to speak about our Club. I talked about a delegation from RC London visiting the longest running Rotary club of Calcutta in 2019. I also conveyed greetings from the President and members while handing over our Club Flag and in exchange received one from the Rotary club of London which I shall hand over to the President upon my return. Lunch consisted of grilled Salmon with roast baby potatoes and broccoli, jam tart with ice cream and tea/ coffee. The link up with their Past President, David Johnson was established due to kind courtesy CYP Purnendu Roychowdhury. I enjoyed having a long chat with the lady President who is young and vibrant and seemed extremely capable. This was my second visit to the Rotary Club of London.



**Reported by Rtn Subha Pal, Public Image Chair**

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Purulia, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd July 2025 at 1.30 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor).

Speaker : Mrs. Arpita Ghosh, Museology

### *Birthdays*

**Jai Kumar Surana** 15th July  
**Amit Ghosh** 20th July  
*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

**Dr. Dipanwita Hazari & Dr. Partha Hazari** 18th July  
**Abhijit Kolay & R-Ann Krishna** 20th July

*Celebrate your Joy and Happiness on Birthdays and Anniversaries. Donate generously for The Rotary Foundation and Club Projects*

### IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the sad demise of our Ex-Senior Member Dr. Dipak Ranjan Sarbadhikari who passed away on Tuesday, 8th July, 2025. He served as President, Secretary, Director, Committee Chairman, Sargent-at-Arms, CICO, Webmaster and Curator Club Archives. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Monday, 28th July, 2025	1st Meeting of the Board of Directors	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 29th July, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m./Lunch 12.30 p.m.



## MINUTES OF THE 106TH INSTALLATION MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY, 2025 AT ROTARY SADAN AT 6.30 P.M.

1. President (2024-25) Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4988th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of the President, Rtn Anusua Das led the National Anthem.
3. The Minutes of the 4987th meeting of the Club held on 29th June, 2025 at Rotary Sadan were confirmed.
4. President (2024-25) then welcomed Chief Guest of Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder. He also welcomed Dist. Governor, R I Dist. 3291, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and all PDGs, Dist. Officials, Members, and Guests.
5. President (2024-25) Rtn Subrata De then announced that PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury was nominated for the B K Rohatgi Award of the Rotarian Par Excellence for the Rotary year 2024-25. DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri handed over the award to PP Rtn. Roychowdhury. President also announced that Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury was nominated outstanding Rotarian for the Rotary year 2024-25 and handed over the Award to him.
6. President (2024-25) Rtn Subrata De then recognised PDG Rtn. Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi as PHF Major Donor. Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri handed over the certificate.
7. President (2024-25) Rtn Subrata De then addressed the audience of notable achievements during the Rotary year 2024-25.
8. President (2024-25) Rtn. Subrata De then installed the President for Rotary year 2025- 2026, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay and handed over the Club Charter, President's Collar, Hammer and Gavel in presence of Dist. Governor Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.
9. The auspicious lamp was lit by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Biswanath Somadder, Dist. Governor Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, President (2025-26) Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Immediate Past President Rtn. Subrata De, President Elect Rtn. Anand Sharma along with Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu and Imm. Past. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn Sarvani Gooptu led the Ganesh Bandana.
11. President (2025-26) Rtn Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder, Guest of Honour, District Governor, RI Dist. 3291 Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and all PDGs, Dist. Officials, Members and Guests. He also welcomed Rtn Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri, first lady of the Dist. 3291 and R-Ann Ivy De felicitated her.
12. President (2025-26) Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay felicitated with a Silver Salver the IPP Rtn. Subrata De and Immediate Past Secretary Rtn Suman Chakraborty was also felicitated by Hony. Secretary (2025-26) Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu with a silver salver as a token of appreciation for their outstanding services to the Club in the Rotary year 2024-25. R-Ann Ivy De and R-Ann Sakhi Chakraborty were felicitated by Mrs. Gautami Chatterjee and R-Ann Meena Basu respectively.
13. At the request of the President, Rtn. Pramod Kumar Mathur and Rtn Tapan Basu handed over two cheques for Rs 86,000/- and 50,000/-, contribution for Rotary Foundation India to the Dist. Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri. On behalf of the Club President thanked Rtns Mathur and Basu for their donations.
14. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay introduced the members of the Board, Committee Chairpersons, Trustee Rotary Children's Welfare Trust and Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust for the Rotary year 2025-26.
15. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay conveyed greetings to the Rotary International President and President of India.
16. President then addressed the audience and announced the upcoming Projects of the Club for the Rotary year 2025-26 and requested all members to support him during the Rotary year 2025-26.
17. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary (2025-26) Ashok Kumar Basu conducted the Club business.
18. At the request of the President, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee introduced Dist. Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.
19. At the request of the President, Dist. Governor Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri addressed the audience. On behalf of the Club, President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay handed over a cheque of \$30 for Rotary Foundation India and also presented a plant to Dist. Governor, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.
20. At the request of the President, AKS Rtn. Dr. Sourabh Khemani introduced Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder.
21. At the request of the President, Hon'ble Justice Biswanath Somadder addressed the audience. On behalf of the Club, President then presented memento to the Chief Guest.
22. At the request of the President, Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das proposed a Toast to the Ladies which was replied to by Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi. Rtn Bodhi Brata Das and Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi were felicitated by Hony. Jt. Secretary, Rtn. Shampa Ghose.
23. At request of the President, the President-Elect Rtn Anand Sharma offered a Vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
24. The President announced the Sunshine Box Collection is Rs. 22,000/- (Rupees twenty two thousand) only on that day.
25. President raised a Toast to the President of India.
26. The Club remembered with good wishes the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, R I Dist. 211, home Club of R I President 2025-26.
27. President then requested all present to join for Fellowship and Dinner.
28. Meeting was adjourned at 9.07 p.m.

**Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay**  
President

**Ashok Kumar Basu**  
Hony. Secretary

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