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G.M. Kapur, is a Calcuttan of long standing. After his schooling here, he completed his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the IIT-BHU and returned to do his PostGraduation in Business Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta (IIMC). He is a Member of the Institution of Engineers as well as a Chartered Engineer. Professionally he is an independent management consultant. He is a member of the National Governing Council and is State Convener of the West Bengal and Calcutta Regional Chapters of The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) and has also chaired its Chapters Advisory Committee. He has been associated with INTACH since its inception in 1984. This organization has been active in Heritage Conservation and Restoration of Architectural, Material and Natural Heritage all over the country. Although not an archaeologist or an architect, GM stands testimony to the fact that with passion and single-



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minded devotion to a cause, an individual can bring about change, irrespective of educational background. He is currently the President of the Calcutta Management Association and Bengal Home Industries Association and serves on the Management Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has been active in Rotary as well being a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, Chowringhee and has served in various capacities in the District 3291 as well.

Teachers Day Celebration



We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Know your fellow Rotarian - Rtn Aditi Nundy (2025)



This week, we are pleased to share a new column on "Know Your Fellow Rotarian".

Rtn Sarvani Gooptu, Jt. Editor for Chaka sat down with Rtn. Aditi Nundy to uncover her journey, interests, and what inspired her to join the Rotary Club of Calcutta.

SG : Aditi, though you are still a green badger, you have already added value to our Rotary through your enthusiastic participation. Congratulations for that. We are keen to know more about you. Tell us a bit about your educational and professional background.

AN : I am a Certified Financial Planner and SEBI Registered Investment Advisor. I belong to one of the oldest Stockbroking family business houses from Kolkata, having a legacy of 150 years.

SG : What made you decide to join Rotary? And how did you come to know about our club?

AN : Rotary has always been a known name to me, and many Rotarians have been close to my family. My father-in-law, himself, had been a former Rotarian. Many of my friends and associates inspired me to join our club. I wanted to contribute to society to the best of my capacity, and thought joining the Rotary Club of Calcutta could be an ideal opportunity to serve my goal.

SG : What has been your experience in participating in club activities - meetings or projects?

AN : It has been an exciting and interesting experience for me to be a part of the club activities – meetings and projects. I have taken part in many of them enthusiastically and learned a lot from my fellow Rotarians. I wish to contribute more in the near future, especially in the fields of financial inclusion and women's empowerment.

SG : What are your suggestions for improving the old number one?

AN : The Rotary Club of Calcutta, being the oldest in Asia, is a wonderful place! Here I see Rotarians with positive values only, among whom I have interacted so far in the Rotary activities. I am still a fresher to know about the improvement opportunities for such an old and traditional club.

I must point out something that I have noticed, we can waste less paper and thus save more for the environment by converting paper-based communications to a mobile App for user friendliness. For example, Rotary calendar and activities can very easily remain within the reach of the hands of the Rotarians, through an App.

SG : What do you love doing most and why?

AN : I belong to a family (both from my parents' and my in-laws' sides) with a strong value system, and I was always taught not to waste. Later, I learnt professionally the *Time Value of Money*, and we translate that into the *money value* of time. It has been my passion to spread Financial Awareness to various parts of society, specifically women, who are traditionally being asked to handle family finances without being empowered to handle their own financial matters. I call Financial Planning my religion, and I love helping anyone, anywhere, to handle their finances with care.

Interact Club Report July 2025



Lit-A-Live - a Literary Festival - July 2025 : The Interact Club members organized a vibrant literary festival Lit-A-Live, an inter-house competition that brought together creativity, wit, and intellectual vigour. The festival featured a range of engaging events designed to showcase students' imagination and critical thinking. One of the highlights was the Courtroom Drama, where fictional characters were put on trial, blending literature with law in a lively and entertaining manner.



Equally engaging was the Podcast Challenge, in which participants displayed their sense of humour through witty roasting sessions. The Terribly Tiny Tales segment tested participants' creativity as they wove compelling stories within just 14 lines using given clues. The classic Debate Competition added a sharp edge to the festival, allowing students to articulate, argue, and defend their viewpoints with confidence. The festival not only encouraged literary expression but also fostered teamwork, quick thinking, and oratory skills. Lit-A-Live truly lived up to its name by bringing literature to life in innovative and memorable ways.



Visit to Manovikas Kendra :

The Interact Club members recently organized a heartwarming cultural programme for the special children at Manovikas Kendra. The highlight of the visit was a beautifully choreographed dance

performance by our talented students, which was met with immense appreciation from the audience. The event was graced by our respected Principal, Ms. Sunita Arora, who attended as the guest of honour, and her presence uplifted the participants and added to the spirit of the occasion. The genuine smiles and joy on the faces of the children at Manovikas Kendra reflected the true success of the programme. This memorable experience not only served as a platform to showcase our students' creative talents but also reinforced the values of empathy, service, and social responsibility, leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

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

REPORTS

Environment Committee organised a special Snake Awareness Camp and with Healthcare Committee, an Eye Camp and Thalassemia Awareness camp at the NGO, Mission Mother and Child at Falta on Monday, 15th September, 2025.



NEXT MEETING

107th Foundation Day Celebration along with Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club will be held on Friday, 26th September, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor). The Meeting will be followed by fellowship and dinner. Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, District Governor, RID 3291 has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest. Shri Shuvprasanna Bhattacharya, Artist and Painter and Mr. Sounak Chacraverti, Independent Art Curator will be the Special Guests. You are requested to make a note of it and attend the meeting with your spouse.

Birthday

Shampa Ghose	17th September
Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22nd September
Sri Prakash Jalan	23rd September
Dr. Sukumar Mukhejee	23rd September
Dr. Abhijit Sen	25th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

NO REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

- There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025 as the said meeting will be held Friday, 26th September, at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. You are requested to kindly make a note of this change.
- There will be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays, 30th September, 2025 and 7th October, 2025 on account of Durga Puja Holidays. You are requested to kindly make a note of these changes. Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 14th October, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor).

Celebrate your Joy and Happiness of Birthdays and Anniversaries - donate generously to the Rotary Foundation India and for Club Projects.

BOARD MEETING

Third Meeting of the Board of Directors (2025-26) of the Club will be held on Monday, 22nd September, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan, (Board Room, 1st floor), 94/2, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata – 700020. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	-----
Friday, 26th September, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Programme : Foundation Day celebration followed by fellowship and dinner	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) 6.30 p.m. onwards
Tuesday, 30th September, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting On account of Durga Puja Holidays	-----
Tuesday, 7th October, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting On account of Durga Puja Holiday	-----
Tuesday, 14th October, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker to be announced	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 25th October, 2025	5000th Regular Weekly Meeting followed by fellowship and dinner	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) 6.30 p.m. onwards
Tuesday, 28th October, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	-----



It's a matter of pride for us that our office staff Prabir Mukherjees and Anjan Behera were invited by Dist 3291 to be felicitated on 9 Sept 2026. While Prabir could not go due to a club function, Anjan attended and was awarded a PHF. Congrats!!

MINUTES OF THE 4996TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. IN ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4996th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4995th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 30th August, 2025 were confirmed.
4. The President informed members that there was no guest speaker on that day as the Programme and Fellowship Committee have organized the Teachers' Day Felicitation on behalf of the Club, President welcomed all the teachers who were attending the felicitation programme.
5. The President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **The President reported the following :**
 - a) Youth Service and Tech Knowledge Committee in collaboration with JSR Eventers organised a "STEM Awareness" Seminar held on Sunday, 31st August, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
 - b) Community Service & RCC and Health Care Committee jointly organised a Dental and Health Check-up Camp at our RCC Stars Welfare Society on 2nd September, 2025.
7. **The President announced the following :**

The President was happy to announce that the project – "Diabetic Retinopathy" with the support of Cera Sanitaryware Ltd. at the Susrut Eye Foundation and Research Center, Salt Lake City, Kolkata will be inaugurated on Wednesday, 17th September, 2025 at 2 p.m. preceded by a working Lunch at 1.00 p.m. He said that the details of the programme will be circulated through WhatsApp message and requested members to attend the special project on that day. Interested members are also requested to register their names at the Club office.
8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter conducted Club Business :
 - a) He welcomed all Members and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 15th September, 2025, wished them and requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation India and the Club Projects.
 - c) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025 as the said meeting would be held on Friday, 26th September, at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. The Club would be celebrating its 107th Foundation Day on that day and requested members to kindly make a note of that change and attend the programme on that day along with their spouses.
 - d) Next meeting of the Club would be on Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Speaker to be announced.
9. The Environment Committee will organise a special Snake Awareness Camp and with Healthcare Committee, an Eye Camp and Thalassemia Awareness camp at the NGO, Mission Mother and Child at Falta on Monday, 15th September, 2025. He requested members to join the program.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee organised Teachers' Day Felicitation programme at the meeting and the Certificates and Mementoes to the Teachers were handed over by the President.
11. At the request of Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Rtn. Dr. Krishna Sen addressed the audience on "Teachers' Day".
12. Questions raised by members were answered by Rtn. Dr. Krishna Sen.
13. On behalf of the Club, the Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn. Hirak Ray.
14. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Rtn. Dr. Krishna Sen.
15. Sunshine Box Collection of Rs. 500/- with special contribution from Rtn Suman Chakraborty.
16. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Midnapore, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.
17. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary

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