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Dr. Amit Paul
President



Kaushik Banerjee
Secretary

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City is a vibrant and service-oriented club under Rotary International District 3291. Chartered in 1991, it has been actively engaged in community welfare initiatives across healthcare, education, women and child welfare, vocational training, environmental awareness, and youth development. The club brings together professionals and leaders from diverse fields who are united by the Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self'. Over the years, it has organised 45 community service, three vocational service, and three public image projects aimed at creating meaningful and lasting impact in society. Known for its warmth, fellowship, and active participation in Rotary initiatives, the club meets regularly at the



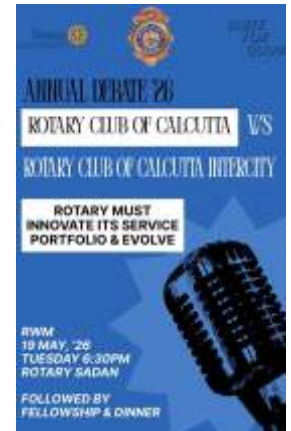
UNITE FOR GOOD

Calcutta Club and continues to play an important role in promoting service, friendship, and ethical leadership in Kolkata and beyond.

A warm welcome to the Members of RC Calcutta Inner City from all Members of The Old Number One!.

Today's Program : Debate

A debate with RC Calcutta Inner City has now become an annual fixture. Today's motion is "Rotary must innovate its Service proposition and evolve". Participants from RC Calcutta are Rtns Amitava Sinha, Sriranjani Joshi and Arijit Sen. Best luck to them for putting up a stellar show!



Book Corner



The Rotary Club of Calcutta, Basic Education & Literacy Committee, in association with Educhange Book Corner, organised a Book Corner at the Children's Welfare Association School for Girls on 14th May at 11:00 AM. With 100 books contributed, the initiative aims to spark curiosity and promote reading among young minds. Next month, a storytelling session will be held along with reading practice, further engaging the students. This project reflects a shared commitment to nurturing literacy, creativity, and a lifelong love for books.

Reported by Ruchika Majumdar – Chair Basic Education and Literacy

One such Book Corner has also been planned for our NCLCL - Ed

We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Wheelchairs – Mobility for the specially abled



Rotary Club of Calcutta initiated to hand over two Wheelchairs to District Judges Court, Alipore for the mobility of the senior citizens visiting during the court hours. This was initiated by Rotary Club of Sutanuti. Also on the request of PDG Rajani Mukerji another wheelchair was handed over to a specially abled boy Suman Halder of Kakdwip. Another two wheelchairs were donated to Rotary Club of Sonarpur which was handed over to two specially abled persons in their areas.



Total Number of Wheelchairs : 5; Cost of the project : Rs 22,500.00; Donor : Arindam Roy Chowdhury; Project : Rotary Club of Calcutta

Reported by Arindam, Chair CSR and International

Toilets at G Plot - Appreciation

নমস্কার স্যার

সুন্দরবন বিবেকানন্দ শিশুতীর্থে পক্ষ থেকে আপনাকে বা আপনার সোসাইটিকে অনেক অনেক ধন্যবাদ কৃতজ্ঞতা শ্রদ্ধা ও শুভেচ্ছাজ্ঞাপন করি। বিদ্যালয়ের শৌচাগার নির্মাণে আপনার প্রদেয় অর্থ (১৫০০০) ইতিমধ্যে আমাদের স্কুল একাউন্টে ক্রেডিট হয়েছে। অর্থাভাবে জর্জরিত নানান প্রতিকূল পরিস্থিতিতে যখন এই শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানটি ধুঁকছিল তখন আপনাদের প্রদেয় এই অর্থ বা আর্থিক সহায়তা আমাদের কাছে কোটি টাকারই সামিল। আমরা আপনার নিকট আজীবন কৃতজ্ঞতায় আবধ্য। আপনাকে আমাদের

বিদ্যালয়ে স্বাগত জানাই। আপনার শারীরিক সুস্থতা ও দীর্ঘায়ু কামনা করি। প্রণাম অস্তে, নিমাই চন্দ্র ছ্যাইত প্রধান শিক্ষক ও পরিচালক
বিবেকানন্দ শিশুতীর্থ
জিপ্লট সুন্দরবন



The funds for this school toilet were



donated by Dr Chandranath Poddar, amongst President's closest friends, an NRI from the Caribbean. Another toilet at Pathar Pratima island has also been constructed and similarly financed by a donation from Dr Kajal Ghosh, another close friend of the President. Gratitude for your generosity, kind Sirs!!

Digital and Substance Abuse

The Youth Services & Health Committees of the Rotary Club of Calcutta are organising an Interactive Awareness Programme on *STAY SAFE : FROM SCREENS TO SUBSTANCES* on May 23, 2026, from 12 noon to 3 PM at Rotary Sadan. Resource Persons - Dr Silpee Paul Sorcar, Consultant Psychiatrist, Manipal Hospitals, Dhakuria. And Ms. Ramya Krishnamoorthy, Clinical Psychologist with 7+ years of experience. Participants include School & College Students.

Kitchen construction work in progress in Jadugora Purulia



The need has been felt for a long time to construct a pucca kitchen for the children of Jadugora School, Purulia. One of President's close friends based overseas Dr. Chandranath Poddar has donated Rs 1 lac for the project, with which we have been able to commence construction. Gratitude for your kind generosity!

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to **Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee** for being nominated as the Hony. Secretary for the Rotary year 2027-2028



Congratulations to **Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee** for being nominated as the Hony. Treasurer for the Rotary year 2027-2028

Late Rtn. Mohan Lal Bhagat



We mourn the sad demise of our Senior Member Rtn Mohan Lal Bhagat who passed away on Thursday, 14th May, 2026. He served as Director and Committee Chair. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.



ONE WORLD

We extend our warm greetings to the Rotary Club of London, UK, RI Dist. 1130

Birthday

Rtn. Dipak H. Doshi 19th May

Rtn. Nand Gopal Khaitan 21st May

Wish you many happy returns of the day

REPORTS

- Annual Endowment Awards ceremony held on Saturday, 18th April, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan followed by dinner.
- The Third Club Assembly of the Club was held on Tuesday, 12th May, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan.

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. M.L. Lohia & R-Ann Usha 22nd May

Rtn. B.K. Nahata & R-Ann Prabha 23rd May

Members are encouraged to celebrate these special occasions by contributing to The Rotary Foundation and supporting Club Projects.

TODAY

Annual Debate with RC Calcutta Inner City

RABINDRA JAYANTI & NAZRUL SANDHYA

Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya will be observed on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at 4.00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) with a programme to be staged by the students of the Cultural Section. You are requested to join the programme with your family.

BOARD MEETING

The Eleventh Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club will be held on Monday, 25th May, 2026, at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan (1st floor) All Board members are requested to kindly make note of it and attend.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12:30 p.m.
It would be a Joint Regular Weekly Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East.

Stay Safe : From Screens to Substance Programme

Youth Service and Health Care Committee is jointly organising an Interactive session on "Stay Safe : From Screens to Substance" for the students of Class 8 -12 on Saturday, 23rd between 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan. You are requested to make a note of it and attend on that day.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Date	Day	Programme	Time	Venue	Speaker / Remarks
26th May 2026	Tuesday	Joint Regular Weekly Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	Rtn Arijit Sengupta (Colts Satellite) on Travel
2nd June 2026	Tuesday	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	To be announced
9th June 2026	Tuesday	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	Ms Diya Jaiswal
13th June 2026	Saturday	4th (joint) Club Assembly and Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS)	4 p.m. onwards with High Tea	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	—
16th June 2026	Tuesday	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch 12:30 pm / meeting 1:30 pm	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	Speaker to be announced
28th June 2026	Sunday	Members' Nite followed by Fellowship and Dinner	Function at 6:00 p.m. / fellowship and dinner after the programme	Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)	—
30th June 2026	Tuesday	Regular Weekly Meeting and Gratitude evening followed by Fellowship and Dinner	Meeting at 6:30 p.m. / fellowship and dinner after the programme	Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)	—

ERRATA

In the last Chaka of 12 May 2026, it was stated that the 3rd Club Assembly and Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya was held on 9 May. This had to be cancelled due to Government of WB Oath Taking on 9th. The error is regretted.

As reported hereinabove the 3rd Club Assembly was held on 12 May 2026. Also as stated hereinabove, the Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya program will be held on 26 May 2026.

Subject to no objection received within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the following candidate will be inducted as members of the Club :

Mr. Rajib Basu

Partner, Pricewater House Coopers Pvt. Ltd.
Plot No. 56 & 57, Block – DN, Salt Lake Electronic Complex
Sector – V, Kolkata – 700 091
Res. : Sector - 2, Block - CJ, 141 Salt Lake City
Kolkata - 700091
Age : 54 years
Classification : Accounting – Service – Audit General
Proposer : Rtn. Amrita Banerjee

NEW ENDOWMENTS

- 1) Zoom Health Care (Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury) initiated a Memorial Endowment NAME Late Surama Roychowdhury Memorial Endowment Corpus Fund Rs. 1,50,000/- and interest awarded to Suffering Cancer Women.
- 2) Benud Behari Dutt Trust (Rtn. Sonia Dutt) initiated Endowment NAME Sree Sree Kishoreananda Saraswati Endowment Award Corpus fund Rs. 3,50,000/- and interest to be awarded to Underprivileged Medical Patients.

Thank you for your generosity

Glimpses of the minutes of RWM 12th May



MINUTES OF THE 5022nd REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY, 2026 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5022nd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Shampa Ghose.
3. Minutes of the 5021st Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 18th April, 2026 were confirmed.
4. The President welcomed Dr. Nilina Deb Lal, FRAS, Honorary Fellow University of Edinburgh Project Coordinator, Roxburgh Project, AJC Bose Indian Botanic Garden. Independent Heritage Consultant and Researcher as the Guest Speaker on that day. She would speak on "The Roxburgh Project" : Conservation, Restoration and Reuse of the Historic Buildings in the AJC Bose Indian Botanic Garden.
5. The President then welcomed our Ex- member Rtn. Saumen Ray as the visiting Rotarian from R.C. London, RID 1130 and Rtn. G.M. Kapur, R.C. Calcutta Chowrenghee, RID. 3291 and also all Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed greetings to their Clubs. President also exchanged Club Flags with them.

6. President Reported the following :

- a) On 18th April, 2026 - Vice Governor, PDG Rtn. Ravi Sehgal unveiled a plaque dedicated to the memory of PRIP Nitish Chandra Laharry at the entrance of the Rotary Sadan building. This was initiative by Public Image Committee.
- b) Annual Endowment Awards ceremony held on Saturday, 18th April, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan followed by dinner.
- c) International and CSR Committee inaugurated a Pranadhara project installed at our RCC Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho on Sunday, 19th April, 2026.
- d) The Installation Ceremony of new Ladies Satellite Club "Rotary Satellite Club of Calcutta Sankalp" held on Sunday, 3rd May, 2026 at 11 a.m. onwards followed by Lunch at the Rotary Sadan.
- e) To observe World Thalassaemia Day, Rotary Club of East Calcutta and Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi organised a Car Rally on last Friday, 8th May, 2026. On the same day R I Dist. 3291 organised a Seminar on Thalassaemia "Summit 2026" between 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. at ICCR, Kolkata. The programme was Co-hosted by our Club. On behalf of the Club, PP and DGN Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury and President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay attended the programme.

7. President Announced the following :

Youth Service and Health Care Committee is jointly organising an Interactive session "Stay Safe : From Screens to Substance" for the students of Class 8 -12 on Saturday, 23rd May, 2026 between 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested all members to make a note of it and attend on that day.

8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu conducted the Club business :

- a) He welcomed all Members, Visiting Rotarians, and Guests.
- b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 18th May, 2026 and wished them and also requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects.
- c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club would be on Tuesday, 19th May, 2026 at 6.30 p.m. / Programme : Annual Debate followed by fellowship and dinner at the Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) and requested all members to join the programme with their spouses on that day.
- d) Due to the oath taking ceremony of West Bengal on last Saturday, 9th May, 2026, the Third Club Assembly of the Club was called off. The said Club Assembly would be held on that day i.e. 12th May, 2026 after weekly meeting and he requested all members to stay back after the meeting and attend the Club Assembly. He also informed members to please note that the Chaka dated 12th May, 2026 reported the Third Club Assembly and Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya held on 9th May, 2026. There would be an errata carried in the next Chaka.
- e) Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya scheduled on Saturday, the 9th May, 2026 has been postponed. The said programme would be held on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) at 4.00 p.m. onwards with a programme to be staged by the students of the Cultural Section and he requested members to join the programme with their family.

9. At the request of the President, PP Rtns Purnendu Roychowdhury and Raj Kumar Agrawal introduced their candidates Mr. Arijit Sengupta and Mr. Bhuvan Agarwal for the membership of Rotary Satellite Club of Calcutta Colts. At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Dr. Ashok Kumar Basu and PP Rtn. Ritwik Gupta inducted Mr. Arijit Sengupta and Mr. Bhuvan Agarwal respectively as members of Rotary Satellite Club of Calcutta Colts.**10. At the request of the President, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Agrawal introduced Dr. Nilina Deb Lal, Guest Speaker on that day.****11. At the request of the President, Dr. Nilina Deb Lal addressed the audience.****12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.****13. Rtn. Surendranath Majumdar gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.****14. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a Memento to Dr. Nilina Deb Lal.****15. Sunshine Box Collection Rs.1,000/- with special contribution from Rtns Kirit Patel and Sakti Kumar Banerjee on that day.****16. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Belur, India, RID 3291.****17. Meeting was adjourned at 2.46 p.m.**

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary