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**Charter Day Celebration**  
**on 1st January, 2026 at 6.30 pm**



**Chief Guest**  
**PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta**



**Guest of Honour**  
**Rtn. Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri**  
**District Governor, R I Dist. 3291**

**Rotary**  
Club of Calcutta



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

**Shiksha Labh Project on 20th December, 2025**



We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN  
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## Annual Children's Treat on 21st December, 2025



# REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Madras, India, R.I. Dist. 3232.

**“ THE CHAKA”**  
Wishes it's Readers and Well-Wishers  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**

## NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 13th January, 2026 / Lunch at 12.30 p.m. / Meeting 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

## REPORTS

- a) International and CSR Committee organized a project Siksha Labh (Basic Education and Literacy / Digital Education) and donated 100 Desktop Computers for the underprivileged students at our RCCS, others Schools and NGOs held on 20th December, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.
- b) The Club organized the 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavilion, Nicco Park, Salt Lake City, Kolkata.

## RESIGNATION

The Board at its meeting held on 22nd December, 2025 accepted the resignations of the following Rotarians with effect from 23.12.2025.

- 1. Rtn. Subrata Kumar Basu, 2. Rtn. Dr. Bratati L Mazumder, 3. Rtn. Manikaustabh Goswami

## SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY, 2026

The Second Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 6th January, 2026 at 5.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by High Tea. All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and join this important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the second Quarter of the Rotary year 2025-26 to the Hony. Secretary for the Club Assembly.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, 2026

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 6th January, 2026	Second Club Assembly	5.30 p.m/ Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Tuesday 13th January, 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch at 12.30 p.m. / Meeting 1.30 p.m. Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Tuesday 20th January, 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting, Panel Discussion on Constitution and By Laws	Venue Rotary Sadan; Time to be advised.

## MINUTES OF THE 5008TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 23RD DECEMBER, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5008th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 5007th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 16th December, 2025 were confirmed.
4. The President informed members that it would be a “Closed Door” meeting, so there was no Guest Speaker on that day. He also informed members that the final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027 would be held on that day.

## Birthday

Dr Pronab Dasgupta  
Ritwik Gupta  
Mukti Gupta  
Arun Kumar Chandra  
Dilip Kumar Jaiswal  
Abhijit Neogi  
Niraj Kumar Saraf  
Gitanjali Jolly  
Dr. Chandreyee Das  
Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee

1st January  
1st January  
2nd January  
4th January  
6th January  
7th January  
9th January  
9th January  
9th January  
12th January

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

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

## NO WEEKLY MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on next Tuesday, 6th January, 2026 as the Second Club Assembly of the Club will be held on that day. You are requested to kindly make a note of the change.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026

**Rotary District 3291 Conference 2026 will be held on 9th, 10th and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata.**

Registration Charges without food is Rs 3,000/- per head. You are requested to register your name and for further details, contact the Club office.

5. The President then welcomed all the Visiting Rotarians and Guests who are attending the meeting and requested them to please convey our greetings to their Clubs. He then requested them to leave the Meeting Room as it was a "Closed Door" Meeting of the Club.

6. **The President reported the following :**

- The Community Service Committee had organized a Christmas celebration jointly with the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta on Wednesday, 17th December, 2025 at Navanir, an Old Age Home in Tollygunge, Kolkata. The Club donated food packets and gifts items for the Old Age Home on that day. At the request of the President, Rtn. Udit Chand Mitra, Chairman, Community Service Committee reported on this project. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Rtn. Udit Chand Mitra for organising the project.
- International and CSR Committee organized a project Siksha Labh (Basic Education and Literacy/Digital Education) and donated 100 Desktop Computers to the underprivileged students at our RCCS, other Schools and NGOs on 20th December, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal reported on this project. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairman, International and CSR Committee for organising the project.
- The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club was organized on last Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavilion, Nicco Park, Salt Lake City. At the request of the President, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani provided an update on the Annual Children's Treat which took place on 21st December, 2025. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Rtn. Abhijit Kolay, Chairman, Annual Children's Treat Committee and his team for organising this key project of the Club for the year.

7. **The President announced the following :**  
The Club would celebrate its 106th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Thursday, 1st January, 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner. PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta would be the Chief Guest and requested members to kindly note the date and attend with spouse on that day.

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

- He welcomed all Members and Guests.
- He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 31st December, 2025. He wished them and also requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects.
- The Club would celebrate its 106th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Thursday, 1st January, 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to kindly note the date and attend with their spouse on that day.
- There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 30th December, 2025 for X-Mas holiday and requested members to kindly make a note of the change.
- The Second Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 6th January, 2026 at 5.30 p.m. followed by High Tea and requested all members to make a note of it and attend on that day.
- The Rotary District 3291 Conference-2026 will be held on 9th, 10th and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata. Registration Charges without food is Rs. 3,000/- per head. He requested members to register their names and for further details, contact the Club office.

9. Before final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027, the President announced the proposal to amend the Constitution and By Laws of the Club. Drafts of these documents were approved by the Board of Directors on 24th November, 2025 and have been circulated to all members through email. A hard copy was available for perusal at the Club Office. If there were no objections, the Club would adopt the amended Constitution and By Laws of the Club. Questions raised by members were addressed by PP Rtn. Ritwik Gupta and a Core Committee for the amendment of the Constitution and By Laws of the Club was formed. The new Core committee will meet on Tuesday, 6th January, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan.

10. President informed members that at the Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 18th November, 2025, nominations were sought from members for Election of the Board of Directors of the Club for the Rotary year 2026 – 2027. The following nominations for the Rotary year 2026-2027 were received :-

Name	Post
Rtn. Anand Sharma	President
Rtn. Anusua Das	President – Elect
Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi	Vice-President
Rtn Shampa Ghose	Hony. Secretary
Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury	Hony. Treasurer

Name	Post
Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu	Director
AKS Rtn. Dr. Sourabh Khemani	Director
Rtn. Nilima Joshi	Director
Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal	Director
Rtn. Yogesh Dassani	Director

Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal would be the advisor of the Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027. All Nominations were seconded by the members. Since there were no other nominations received, President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay declared that the above members were duly elected uncontested to serve the Club's Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027. Present President Elect 2025-26, Rtn. Anand Sharma would automatically take over as the President of the Club from 1st July, 2026.

- On behalf of the Club, President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay congratulated all members of the Board for the Rotary year 2026-27.
- Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 500/- with contribution from Rtn. Kirit Patel on that day.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, India, R.I. Dist 3291.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:20p.m.

**Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay**  
President

**Ashok Kumar Basu**  
Hony. Secretary

**Published by Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu, Hony. Secretary, Rotary Club of Calcutta**

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