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Ghat Cleaning Series with Kult X



The Youth Service of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with Kult X, organised a Ganga Ghat clean-up drive on December 13, 2025. This was the second initiative in the ongoing Ghat Cleaning series, conducted at Champatala Ghat. Interactors from the Interact Clubs of Vidyanjali International School, Bejoygarh Vidyapith, and Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya took part in cleaning the revered ghat. A total of 30 students participated in this meaningful community service activity.



The drive aimed to instil the value of giving back to society while highlighting the importance of water as the lifeline of our existence. The programme was graced by the presence of District Interact Advisor Rtn Sulagna Daw, along with the Club President **Rtn Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay**, Hony. Secretary **Rtn Ashok Basu**, Rtn Anindita Shoma Basu, and Rtn Saswati Mukherjee. Teacher coordinators from all three Interact Clubs were also present to support the students.

Ms Laily Thompson from Kult X shared insights into the history, heritage, and significance of Kolkata's ghats, adding depth and context to the initiative. Interactors from Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya presented two soulful songs accompanied by a yoga demonstration, beautifully conveying the importance of ghats in our daily lives. The students also displayed poster banners they had prepared to spread awareness.

The drive concluded with the distribution of certificates and food boxes to the participants and teacher coordinators, marking a fulfilling end to the programme.

Report by Rtn Saswati Mukherjee, Chairperson, Youth Service Committee

We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Navanir Visit Report



On 17th December, Rotary Club of Calcutta members had the privilege of visiting Navanir, an Old Age Home located in Tollygunge, Kolkata. We have been attached with this NGO for several years. On this occasion, our Club along with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta, distributed food packets, chocolates, and sweets to the elderly ladies who are residents of Navanir. The members of RC Calcutta and Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta interacted with the elderly ladies as well as singing songs and reciting poetry which was really appreciated by the residents. They expressed gratitude for the time spent by our members and companionship which was the main purpose of the visit.

We would like to thank R-Ann Krishna Kolay for arranging the wholesome food packets and bringing them to the venue. We thank the Inner wheel members for being present in large numbers. We also thank our members, Rtn. Zul Hirjee, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, and our President Rtn. Debnath Chattopadhyay for spending time with the elderly ladies at Navanir. This project is made possible, thanks to the annual endowment of Rtn PP Nandita Sen.

Report by Rtn Udit Mitra, Chair Community Service & RCC

Project Report : SPEAK – Public Speaking & Communication Crash Course Phase 2



This impactful initiative was organised by the Rotary Club of Calcutta, Basic Education and Literacy Committee in Association with Musicea Arts and Culture Council on 15th and 16th December, 2025.

The objective is to enhance communication skills and confidence among vernacular school students through interactive sessions in English and Bengali, focusing on articulation, expression, and public speaking.

A total of 70 students from Children's Welfare Association Girls' High School participated in this initiative.

Session Highlights included :

- Writing and speaking exercises on topics : *Myself, My Possession, My Memorable Day, My Best Friend*
- Word Chain Game to build vocabulary
- Story Reading with emphasis on expression and comprehension
- Training in body posture, pronunciation, grammar, and articulation
- Group debates on *The Importance of TV/Mobile vs The Importance of Books*
- Students actively participated in both languages, showcasing improved confidence and clarity

- Guidance on how to present oneself in any interview – including posture, confidence, and clarity of thought
- Practice on how to start a conversation effectively – with greetings, self-introduction, and engaging opening lines


Members Present : Hony. Secretary Ashok Basu, Rtn Ritwik Gupta, Rtn Surendranath Majumdar, Rtn Saswati Mukherjee, Rtn Ruchika Majumdar

Outcomes

- Noticeable improvement in student communication and engagement
- Final evaluations completed
- Strong interest from the school principal to continue and expand the initiative

Reported by Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar, Chairperson for Youth Literacy Committee

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

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

TODAY

Closed Door Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The Club will celebrate its 106th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Thursday, 1st January, 2026 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

You are requested to kindly note the above date and attend with your spouse

REPORTS

a) Community Service Committee organized a Christmas Project jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta on Wednesday, 17th December, 2025 at the Navanir Old Age Home, Tollygunge, Kolkata. Our Club donated food packets and gifts items for the Old Age Home on that day.

b) 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 and others Schools and NGOs on 20th December, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.

c) The Club organized 100th Annual Children's Treat held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, Salt Lake City, Kolkata.

Birthday

Dr Dipanwita Hazari	23rd December
Kirit M Patel	23rd December
Shouweek Ray	23rd December
Ramesh Maheshwari	25th December
Veena Rohatgi	25th December
Dr. Surendra Kumar Sharma	26th December
Dr. Santanu Sen	26th December
Suksham Singh	31st December

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, 30th December, 2025 (X-Mas Holiday). You are requested to kindly make a note of the change.

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026

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

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

106th CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION on 1ST JANUARY, 2026

The Club will 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. You are requested to kindly note the above date and attend with your spouse on that day.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, 2026

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Thursday 1st January, 2026	106th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by fellowship and dinner.	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) at 6.30 p.m. onwards
Tuesday 6th January, 2026	Club Assembly	Rotary Sadan, (2nd floor) Time to be given later
Tuesday 13th January, 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch at 12.30 p.m. / Meeting 1.30 p.m. Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

MINUTES OF THE 5007TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025 AT 6.00 P.M. IN ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5007th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Anusua Das.
3. Minutes of the 5006th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 9th December, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Ms Shristi Khaitan, Wealth Partner as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attending the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**
 - a) Youth Service Committee organized the "Ganga Ghats cleaning" in association with Kult X at Champatala Ghat, near Shovabazar, Kolkata on 13th December, 2025. This is an ongoing project and future events are planned for 3rd January and 7th February, 2026. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee for the initiative.
 - b) Literacy Committee commenced the 2nd Phase of the SPEAK Project (Skill, Presence, Expressions, Articulation, Knowledge) at the Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls on 15th December 2025. The President thanked Chairperson Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar for the initiative.
7. **President announced the following :**
 - a) Community Service Committee is organizing a Christmas Project jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta at Navanir, an Old Age Home in Tollygunge, Kolkata on 17th December, 2025. The Club would donate food packets and gifts items to the Old Age Home on that day. Members interested in joining the program were requested to contact Rtn. Udit Chand Mitra, Chairperson for Community Service Committee.
 - b) The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We are inviting about 1,200 underprivileged children to the Flagship programme of the Club this year. This year happens to be the centenary edition of this programme and the President requested members to generously donate or sponsor breakfast, lunch, ice cream, caps, sports items, or any kind of gift items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these children. Donations in Cheque payable in favour of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" would be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.
 - c) President informed that the Club has planned a "Children's Educational Excursion" Tour in Mushidabad with 100 underprivileged Children in the second of week of February, 2026. Details of this programme will be announced later. Interested members were requested to contact the President.
 - d) At the request of the President, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee reported about the Shantiniketan trip from 2nd to 4th January, 2026. Past President Rtn. Haladhar Dey also provided details of places to visit in Shantiniketan.
8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu conducted the 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 22nd December, 2025. He 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 is on Tuesday, 23rd December, 2025. It would be a Closed-Door meeting for final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027 and for adoption of the amended Constitution and By Laws of the Club. Drafts of these documents as approved by the Board of Directors meeting held on 24th November, 2025 have been circulated to all members on mail. A hard copy was available for perusal at the Office.
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 30th December, 2025 for X-Mas holiday and he requested members to kindly make a note of the change.
 - e) The Sixth Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club would be held on Monday, 22nd December, 2025, at 6.30 p. m. at the L B D Resorts & Hotels, 31/1, N. C. Chowdhury Road, Bosepukur, Kasba, Kolkata - 700 042. He requested all Board members to make a note it and attend.
 - f) Rotary District 3291 Conference 2026 would be held on 9th, 10th and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata. Registration charge without food is Rs 3000.

He requested members to register their names. For further details, please contact Club office.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee introduced Chief Guest, Ms. Shristi Khaitan on that day.
10. At the request of the President, Ms Shristi Khaitan addressed the audience.
11. Questions raised by members were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. On behalf of the Club, a Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn. Udit Chand Mitra.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Ms Shristi Khaitan.
14. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes the Rotary Club of Yangon, India, R.I. Dist. 3350.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Past Secretary