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Official DG Visit



An Official District Governor (DG) Visit is a pivotal event in the annual calendar of every Rotary Club, serving as both a review mechanism and a source of strategic direction. The visit by the District Governor — who represents Rotary International at the district level, provides an opportunity to assess the club’s performance across key parameters.

Beyond evaluation, the DG visit is a platform for alignment. It reinforces district priorities, communicates Rotary’s global vision, and ensures that club initiatives are consistent with broader organizational goals. The interaction with the club leadership, board members, and committees enables constructive feedback, identification of best practices, and course correction where required.

Equally important is the motivational dimension. The DG’s presence energizes members, acknowledges achievements, and inspires higher levels of engagement and service. It also strengthens fellowship, fosters inter-club



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collaboration, and builds a sense of belonging to the larger Rotary network.

In essence, an Official DG Visit is not merely ceremonial — it is a strategic touchpoint that enhances governance, accountability, and impact, while reaffirming the club’s commitment to “Service Above Self.”

Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri

DG, RID 3291

DG Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri is a distinguished academic and humanitarian, known for his leadership in science, education, and community service. A former professor, he has mentored generations and contributed to research and social equity. Within Rotary, he has led impactful initiatives in Thalassemia awareness, prevention, and care, benefiting underserved communities. His calm leadership and strategic vision have strengthened programs in health, literacy, and youth development. A recipient of multiple Rotary honours, he embodies service above self. As District Governor, he calls for renewed commitment to addressing global health challenges and advancing Rotary’s mission with humility, purpose, and determination.

Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu, Hony. Secretary

PRANADHARA-II Gains Momentum Two Community Water Projects Successfully Commissioned



The Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City and Rotary Club of Garden Reach, has made significant progress in its PRANADHARA-II Community Drinking Water Initiative under Global Grant No. 2578095, with two successful installations completed in March 2026.

The first installation was inaugurated on 8 March 2026 at Shyamsundarpur High School, Purba Medinipur, by PRID Rtn. Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, along with participating Rotarians. This unit will benefit around 800 students and teachers and nearly 3,500 villagers, while also supporting the



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preparation of midday meals, thereby improving hygiene and community health.

The second installation was commissioned on 15 March 2026 at Joypur Panchanan Roy College, Amta, Howrah. The inauguration was attended by PP Heena Gorsia, PP Ritwik Gupta, PP Abhijit Kolay, Rtn. Sonal Worah, Co-Chairman Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal, Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, along with members from the Rotary Club of Garden Reach including President Rtn. Mohon Bhandaru, Rtn. Tapan Roy, Rtn. Timir Roy, and Rtn. Biswajit Ghosh. The event was further graced by PRID Rtn. Anirudha Roy Chowdhury and Rtn. Ashit Baran Bhattacharya from Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City.

Each installation, with a capacity of 500 litres per hour, uses advanced purification technologies such as TSRF, Silver Nano-Technology, and Micro Ultrafiltration, ensuring a reliable supply of safe drinking water. The Joypur unit will serve approximately 3,000 students and 2,000 villagers.

These projects are part of a broader plan to install 20 such units, reflecting a strong collaborative effort by multiple Rotary clubs under a shared vision of service. PRANADHARA-II exemplifies Rotary’s commitment to sustainable, scalable, and high-impact community initiatives.

Reported by : Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, International Projects Chairman

NCLCL to Develop Skills



Certificates were handed over to Computer students completing 6 month Spoken English course. President Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay encouraged the students of NCLCL to develop skills in both their mother tongue and in English while handing over the certificates.

Report by Rtn Sarvani Gooptu



Rotary Mobile Bus

Two days of Cancer awareness and screening camp was organised at NTPC Farakka Hospital with NCRI Hospital, New Garia on 24th and 25th February, 2026.

About 100 employees attended the awareness session and 63 screened.

One Breast Cancer and three Cervical Cancer suspect were referred for biopsy.



Project Visioned by Rotary Club of Calcutta



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA

Presents

A VACCINATION CAMP

31st March, 2006 | 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

VACCINE	MRP	CAMP PRICE
PREVENER 20	5500	4900
INFLUVAC TETRA	2888	1200
SHINGRIX	10999	8500

Please seek your GP's advice on your suitability

PRIOR REGISTRATION MANDATORY
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VENUE
ROTARY SADAN, 94/2 CHOWRINGHEE ROAD, KOLKATA 700020

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We extend our warm greetings to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, RID 3291, the home club of our District Governor.

REPORTS

- The Basic Education & Literacy Committee initiated a programme on 12th March 2026 to build a foundation in music theory among vernacular school students. 20 students from Children’s Welfare Association for Girls H.S. School participated.
- On 12th March 2026, the President and Dr. Chandra Nath Poddar visited Jadugora School, Ayodhya Hills, Purulia, to inaugurate the foundation stone for a pucca kitchen and dining facility. Dr. Poddar is a key donor to this project.
- The second installation of the PRANADHARA–II Project (Global Grant No. 2578095), in partnership with Rotary Club of Garden Reach, was inaugurated at Joypur Panchanan Roy College, Amta, on 15th March 2026.
- On 16th March 2026, certificates were awarded to students who successfully completed the Spoken English course at the Club’s Computer Centre.
- The third installation under PRANADHARA–II, in partnership with Rotary Club of Calcutta North Suburban, was inaugurated at Bally Bangasishu (Balika) Vidyalaya, Howrah, on 20th March 2026.

Birthdays

Rtn. Dr. Asish Kumar Ghosh 28th March
 Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay 28th March
Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Nitin S. Kothari & R-Ann Kamalini 29th March

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

TODAY

Official Visit of District Governor, R.I. District 3291
 Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri to our Club.

BOARD MEETING

The 9th Board Meeting for Rotary Year 2025–26 will be held on Monday, 30th March 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at LBD Resorts & Hotels, Kasba, Kolkata, followed by fellowship and dinner hosted by PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury. All Board Members are requested to attend.

ROSTER 2025-26

Members are requested to collect their copy of the updated roster from the Club Office.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 31st March 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Ms. Snigdha Seal	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)
Tuesday 7th April 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting Vocational Excellence Awards Meeting	Meeting 6:00 p.m. / Dinner 8:00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)
Tuesday 14th April 2026	No Meeting, Public Holiday (Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti)	—
Saturday 18th April 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting Endowment Awards Ceremony	Meeting 6:00 p.m. / Dinner 8:00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)
Tuesday 21st April 2026	No Meeting	—
Tuesday 28th April 2026	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Mrs. Diya Jaiswal	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

**MINUTES OF THE 5017TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
17TH MARCH, 2026 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5017th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 5016th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 10th March, 2026 were confirmed.
4. The President welcomed Assistant Governor of the Club, Rtn. Smarajit Mitra, as the Guest Speaker on that day.
5. The President then welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) Basic Education and Literacy Committee conducted a session to build a strong foundation in Music theory of vernacular school students. A total No. of 20 students from Children's Welfare Association for Girls H School participated on that day. On behalf of the Club President thanked Rtns Ruchika Majumdar and Surendranath Majumdar for their effort in conducting a successful project.
 - b) On 12th March, 2026 President and Dr. Chandra Nath Poddar visited our school project at Jadugora School, Ayodhya Hills, Purulia for inaugurating the foundation stone of pukka kitchen and dining room in the school for students. Dr. Chandra Nath Poddar is one of the donors for this project. President also requested all members to visit Jadugora School to experience the school's activities and understand it's development goals.
 - c) The Second installation under Pranadhara II along with partner Club, Rotary Club of Garden Reach, was inaugurated at Joypur Panchanan Roy College, Village & P.O. – Joypur, Amta, held on Sunday, 15th March, 2026 at 12 noon. At the request of the President, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury gave a report on it. On behalf of the Club President thanked Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, Chair, International and CSR Committee for his effort.
 - d) On 16th March, 2026, Certificates were handed over to the Students who have completed Spoken English course organised by NCLCL and Computer Section Committee at the Computer Center In the Rotary Sadan.
7. 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 23rd March, 2026 and wished them and also requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects. He also reminded members that President has sent an appeal of donation for Rotary Foundation to all members and are requested to kindly donate generously.
 - c) The Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 24th March, 2026. Meeting 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). The meeting will host our Dist. Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri's official visit to our Club. He requested all members, specially all PDGs, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs and Club Officials to attend the special meeting on 24th March, 2026.
 - d) Members' Roster for the Rotary year 2025-26 is now available and he requested members to collect their copies from the Club Office.
8. At the request of the President, Rtn. Surendranath Majumdar introduced AG Rtn. Smarajit Mitra, Guest Speaker on that day.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Smarajit Mitra addressed the audience.
10. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the Guest Speaker.
11. Rtn HIRAK RAY gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
12. On behalf of the Club, President presented a Memento to Rtn. Smarajit Mitra.
13. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
14. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Brookmans Park, U K, R.I. Dist. 1 260.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 2. 20 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary