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Today's Guest Speaker Debashish Sarkar



Debashish Sarkar joined the Rotary family as a Rotaractor of Calcutta South West in the year 1975, so this year marks his 50th Anniversary with Rotary. He has served as the District Rotaract Representative, and as Chairman of various Committees at the District level. Educated at Calcutta Boys School and St. Xavier's College, Kolkata, he further went on to attend Harvard Business School and University of California at Berkeley. With his professional degree at the Institute of Banking and Finance, he has lectured at various Institutions in India and overseas. He has worked all over India as well as overseas and retired as the Chief General Manager in the State Bank of India. He was also deputed by the Ministry of Finance as the Chief Vigilance Officer, Allahabad Bank where we worked



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closely with CBI and Kolkata Police department. Presently, he is involved with various cultural and social activities promoting the memory of his grandfather, Sri Birendra Krishna Bhadra.

Children's Day at NCLCL Rotary Sadan

Rotary Club of Calcutta and Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta came together to celebrate Children's Day with great joy on 14th November. Around 40 children of the Cultural Section of the NCLCL came in colourful clothes with happy smiles on their faces. The programme was informal and fun-filled. The children were addressed by Hony. Secretary Rtn Ashok Basu and IWC Calcutta President Sunrita Mehta on the importance of the occasion which was brightened by the presence of NCLCL teachers, RCWT Chair Rtn Raj Agrawal, Past Presidents and members of RCC, IWC and RtAnns. The children took part in a short handwriting



competition followed by bright and spontaneous performances by many children. The occasion was a pleasant one for the parents and teachers and all who were present. The children were provided with snacks, drinks and gifts on behalf of the clubs. Gratitude was expressed to Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta and Rotary Children's Welfare Trust for their support.

Report by Rtn. Dr. Sarvani Gooptu



We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Report on the Launch Ceremony of the Each to Teach Mentorship Programme



What if one click could connect two Indias — the mentor who guides and the mentee who dreams?

On November 13, 2025, the 6-month *Each to Teach Mentorship Programme*, powered by the Youth Service & Tech Knowledge Committee along with Pathanam and The Education Trust (TET), was launched at Vidyanjali International School. The program aims to empower rural students

through English and digital fluency, with guidance from urban student mentors.

The launch was conducted on Google Meet at 1:00 PM, where student mentors and teacher coordinators from 5 Interact Club schools, Asian International School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, DPS Howrah, Silver Point School, and Vidyanjali International School, were connected one to one with rural student mentees and their headmasters from 10 schools, Nizamee Model Nursery School (Khargram, Murshidabad), Netaji

Subhas Academy (Palsonda More, Murshidabad), East Point Public School (Kheadaha II, Narendrapur), Aurangabad Angels Academy (Mahendrapur, Murshidabad), Evergreen Model School (Narayanpur, Kakdwip), MGP Child Academy (Canning, South 24 Parg.), Sishu Bharati Path Bhavan (Chandaneshwar, South 24 Parg.), Sriyani Nursery & K.G. School (Noorpur, Ramnagar, South 24 Parg.), Suryakiran Nursery and K.G. School (Pathar Pratima, South 24 Parg.) and Vivekananda English Academy (Haroa, North 24 Parg.). More than 100 students from both rural and urban sites joined the Google Meet session to mark the beginning of this initiative.

To officially start the program, one mentor logged into the Pathanam Learning Management Portal with their assigned ID, while a mentee did the same from the rural side. The launch was supported on the ground by Rtn Ashok Basu, who visited East Point Public School, and by Rtn Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay, Rtn Dr Krishna Sen, and Rtn Saswati Mukherjee, who were present at Vidyanjali International School and shared their views about this programme. District Interact Chair Rtn Arpita Chatterjee shared her thoughts on the importance of bridging the digital gap through mentorship. Mrs. Saswati Datta, Principal of Vidyanjali International School, also spoke about the significance of connecting students from different backgrounds.

This programme is not just education; it is about mentors sharing knowledge, mentees finding purpose, and together taking a step toward closing the digital learning gap.

Report by Youth Chair, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee

Report on Ghat Clean-up Drive – Nov. 15, 2025



The Youth Service of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with Kult X, organised a Ganga Ghat clean-up drive on 15 November 2025. The cleaning activity began at Gopal Ghat and concluded at Natherbagan Ghat. Interactors from the Interact Clubs of DPS Howrah, Asian International School, Silver Point School, and students from Lakshmi Pat Singhania actively took part in



cleaning the revered ghats - Gopal Ghat, Kumartuli Ghat, Champatala Ghat and Natherbagan Ghat. In total, around 40 students participated in this meaningful activity.

The goal of this community service was to promote the value of giving back to society and to remind everyone of the importance of water as the lifeline of our existence. Through this effort, the students helped preserve the cleanliness and purity of our riverfront.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Rtn. Saswati, followed by President Rtn Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay, who encouraged the participants with his motivating words. Mrs Malobika Roy from Kult X shared the history and heritage of the ghats and explained their importance in our lives. The District Interact Committee Chair, Rtn Arpita Chatterjee, also joined the programme and inspired the students to take part in more such activities. Rtn Anindita Shoma Basu highlighted the murals and wall paintings near Champatala Ghat, an initiative taken up by RC Calcutta in 2022. The drive ended with the distribution of certificates and food boxes to both the teacher coordinators and the participants.

Report by Youth Chair, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Nagpur West, India, R.I. Dist 3030

Birthday

H. V. Patodia	25th November
Rachana Nahata	28th November
Dr. Subhendu Sarkar	28th November
Yogesh Dassani	1st December
Shree Kumar Bangur	1st December
Dr. Ashis Kumar	2nd December
Suvamoy Saha	2nd December
Sonia Dutt	3rd December
Gyanesh Choudhary	4th December
Prabir Kumar Gupta	4th December
Sutanu Ghosh	5th December

Wish you many happy returns of the day

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Saturday, 6th December, 2025, 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor). Programme : "Antakshari" followed by Fellowship and Dinner

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026

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

Registration Charges per head without food :

Upto 15th December, 2025 - Rs. 3,000/-, After 15th December, 2025 - Rs 4,000/-

You are requested to Register your name. For further details, please contact Club office.

Wedding Anniversaries

Vikram Aditya Mody & R-Ann Sanchita	25th November
Shaurya Veer Himatsingka & R-Ann Riddhima	25th November
Debashis Mitra & R-Ann Sambi	27th November
Abhijit Neogi & R-Ann Moumita	27th November
Dr. Biswajit Paul & Dr. Silpee Paul Sorcar	27th November
Bodhi Brata Das & Rtn. Anusua Das	28th November
Amrita Banerjee & Mr. Somnath	29th November
Dr. Parthajit Das & R- Ann Shreerupa	29th November
Nishant Shah & R-Ann Nupur	29th November
Anand Vardhan Bhuwarka & R-Ann Shalini	30th November
Bithal Das Mundhra & R-Ann Yamuna	2nd December
Krishna Kumar Kothari & R-Ann Sashikala	3rd December
Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee & Dr. Sujoy Mukherjee	4th December

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 Meetings on Tuesdays, 2nd, 9th, and 30th December, 2025. You are requested to kindly make a note of the changes.

REPORTS

- Youth Service Committee launched workshop on "Each to Teach" mentorship programme at Vidyanjali International School, Bhabanipore, Kolkata on 13th November, 2025.
- To celebrate "Children's Day" NCLCL, Computer and Cultural Section Committee in association with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta organised a programme for Children on Friday, 14th November, 2025 at NCL Children's Library Hall, Rotary Sadan.
- Health Care Committee organized two activities for World Diabetes Day on 14th November, 2025 :
 - Awareness and detection Camp at Pathar Pratima, Sunderban area.
 - Detection and Management Camp jointly organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Susrut Eye Foundation.
- Youth Service Committee also organized a project "Ganga Ghats cleaning" between Kumartuli and Natherbagan Ghats, Kolkata on 15th November, 2025
- The Club donated four Desktop Computers and Spectacles to an NGO, Mission Mother and Child at the Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 18th November, 2025.
- RC Calcutta participated in Smile Street, a program of RC Calcutta Mahanagar, celebrating "Joy with Choice for Every Child" on 22 Nov 2025 at Lions Safari Park, Southern Avenue, Kolkata. We have donated 140 books, English and Bengali from Rotary Childrens Welfare Trust.

Fellowship Get-together on 6th December, 2025

Fellowship Committee is organising Regular Weekly Meeting along with fellowship Get-together and "Antakshari" program on Saturday, 6th December, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan, (Ground floor). You are requested to make a note of it and attend with your spouse on that day. Members and families are urged to participate in teams for this highly energetic event and may contact Shambhu in Rotary Office.

WE THANK ALL OUR DONORS IN ADVANCE

Donations received for Annual Children's Treat up to 20.11.2025.

Late Rtn. Nandita Sen (Nandita Sen Endowment Award) Rs. 27,000/-	Rtn. Dr. Atindra Nath Sen Rs. 20,000/-
PP. Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu Rs. 2,000/-	Well Wisher Rs. 1,00,000/-
Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal Rs. 25,000/-	Rtn. Niraj Kumar Saraf Rs. 11,000/-
Rtn. Anand Vardhan Bhuwalka Rs. 25,000/-	Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddar Rs. 10,000/-
Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla/ Rtn. Deepa Bagla Rs. 1,00,000/-	Rtn. Raj Agarwal Rs. 21,000/-

100TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT ON Sunday, 21st DECEMBER, 2025

The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. at East Side Pavilion, Nicco Park in Salt Lake, Kolkata. We are inviting about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year. This year happens to be the centenary edition of this programme.

Members are requested 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**" will be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 2nd December, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	—
Saturday 6th December, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Programme : "Antakshari"	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) 6.30 p.m. / Followed by Fellowship and Dinner at 8 p.m. (after the programme)
Tuesday 9th December, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	—
Tuesday 16th December, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Meeting at 1.30 p.m.
Sunday 21st December, 2025	100th Annual Children's Treat	at NICCO Park 10 a.m. onwards
Tuesday 23rd December, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting) Final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Meeting at 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 30th December, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting (Christmas Holiday)	—

MINUTES OF THE 5003RD REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN



1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5003rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Green Badger Rtn. Tapas Kumar Dey.
3. Minutes of the 5002nd Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 11th November, 2025 were confirmed.
4. The President informed members that day was a closed-door meeting. Hence, there was no Guest Speaker on that day. He also informed members that the nominations will be invited for the posts of Vice-President, Hony. Secretary, Hony. Treasurer and five Directors on the Club's Board for the Rotary year 2026 -2027 and the corresponding final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2026 - 2027 will be announced at the Club's Regular Weekly Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 23rd December, 2025.
5. The President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and requested them to leave the meeting room as the meeting is a Closed-Door meeting of the Club.
6. **The President reported the following :**
 - a) Youth Service Committee launched workshop on "Each to Teach" mentorship programme at Vidyanjali International School, Bhabanipore, Kolkata on 13th November, 2025. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Chair, Youth Service Committee for this project.
 - b) The President informed members that we have done part sponsorship of the 2nd autism convention, 2025 held at Ramakrishna Mission Golpark, Kolkata from 13th to 15th November, 2025. The inaugural function was on 13th November, 2025 at their venue and attended by the President, Hony. Secretary, Rtns Sarvani Gooptu and Udit Mitra.
 - c) To celebrate "Children's Day", NCLCL, Computer and Cultural Section Committee in association with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta organized a programme for Children on 14th November, 2025 at 5 p.m. in the NCL Children's Library Hall, Rotary Sadan. At the request of the President, Rtn. Savani Gooptu provided report on this event.
 - d) The Health Care Committee organized two activities for "World Diabetes Day" on 14th November, 2025.
 - i) Awareness and detection Camp at Pathar Pratima, Sunderban area.
 - ii) Detection and Management Camp jointly organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Susrut Eye Foundation.
 - e) The Youth Service Committee also organized a project "Ganga Ghats cleaning" in association with Kult X from Kumartuli Ghat to Natherbagan Ghat on 15th November, 2025. This is an ongoing project and future events will be held on 13th December, 2025, 3rd January and 7th February, 2026. He requested members to kindly join the initiative. For more details, please contact Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee.
 - f) Rtn. Ashis Kumar Bagla and Rtn. Deepa Bagla made goodwill visits to overseas Clubs and exchanged our Club Flags with them. At the request of the President, Rtn. Anand Sharma gave a report on their visit.
7. **President announced the following :**
 - a) Health Care Committee has organized a Know your Spine Camp on Saturday, 22nd November, 2025 at Rotary Sadan between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Registration, please contact Mr. Sambhu Dey of Club Office.
 - b) The 100th Annual Children Treat would be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 in Nicco Park at 10 a.m. and requested members to kindly make a note of it and attend with their family.
 - c) Forms for Nomination for Council of Legislation Representative Election and for District Governor Nominee Designate 2028-2029 are available. Interested Members are requested to contact Club Office for the same.
 - d) At the request of the President, Rtn. Anusua Das made an announcement on Membership Growth Seminar to be held on 23rd November, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom and requested members to join on that day.
8. The Club donated four Desktop Computers and Spectacles to an NGO Mission Mother and Child sponsored by Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi at the Regular Weekly Meeting on this day.
9. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter 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

24th November, 2025. He wished them and also requested that they donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects.

- c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday, 25th November, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Speaker to be announced.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the proposed Regular Weekly Meeting and "Antakshari" programme along with fellowship dinner to be held on 28th November, 2025 has been postponed to Saturday, 6th December, 2025. He requested members to make a note of the changes and attend with their spouse.

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

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and requested members to register their names. For further details, please contact Club office.

10. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay then conducted the Club Election formalities. President invited Nominations proceedings for the Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027. Rtn. Anand Sharma has already been elected as the President-Elect for the Rotary year 2025-26 and therefore under the bye laws, he would take over the office of the President for the Rotary year 2026-2027 with effect from 1st July, 2026.

- i) The following Nominations for the Posts of President-Elect, Vice-President, Hony. Secretary, Hony. Treasurer and five Directors on the Club's Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027 were received at the Regular Weekly Meeting held on 18th November, 2025. The corresponding final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-27 would be held at the Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 23rd December, 2025.

Name	Post	Rotary year	Proposed by	Seconded by
Rtn. Anand Sharma	President	2026-27	Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay	Rtn. Veena Rohatgi
Rtn. Anusua Das	President – Elect	2026-27	Rtn. Anand Sharma	Rtn. Suman Chakraborty
Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi	Vice-President	2026-27	Rtn. Anusua Das	Rtn. Ritwik Gupta
Rtn Shampa Ghose	Hony. Secretary	2026-27	Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu	Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal
Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury	Hony. Treasurer	2026-27	Rtn Indrajit Banerjee	AKS Rtn. Dr. Sourabh Khemani
Rtn Ashok Kumar Basu	Director	2026-27	Rtn. Suman Chakraborty	Rtn Sarvani Gooptu
AKS Rtn. Dr. Sourabh Khemani	Director	2026-27	Rtn. Ritwik Gupta	Rtn. Sujata Pyne
Rtn. Nilima Joshi	Director	2026-27	Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu	Rtn. Anusua Das
Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal	Director	2026-27	Rtn. Sujata Pyne	Rtn. Rajeev Swaika
Rtn. Yogesh Dassani	Director	2026-27	Rtn. Rajeev Swaika	Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi

- ii) There being no other Nominations received, President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay declared Nominations for the Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027 as closed.

- iii) President Elect 2025-26, Rtn. Anand Sharma informed members that PP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal will be the Advisor to the Board for the Rotary year 2026-2027.

11. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 500 /- with special contribution from PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey on that day.

12. The Club remembered with good wishes the Rotary Club of Cochin Harbour, India, R.I. Dist 3205.

13. Meeting was adjourned at 2.05 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary

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