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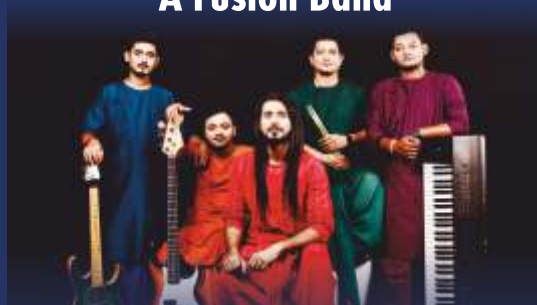
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Shibaprasad & Co. A Fusion Band



When **Shibaprasad & Co.**, a fusion band from **Kolkata** take the stage tonight, expect not just a concert but an experience that connects heart, heritage and harmony. Kolkata as a city that lives and breathes nostalgia has had a huge impact on their music. Inspired by their roots, they strive to incorporate it in a contemporary style of music. In their words "Music does not have any barriers of language, culture or sect. It's like they say, 'Mile sur mera tumhara, to sur bane hamara...'" The band will take you on a musical journey through various languages and genres. From Indian classical music to folk music, from contemporary to Bollywood – they will take you through a journey through melody, rhythm and story-telling.



**UNITE
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GOOD**

Rotary Mobile Vision Van 12 October 2025 Rotary Sadan

Rotary Mobile Vision Van under Global Grant 2466433 of Rotary Foundation was handed over to Rotary Beldanga EYE Hospital on 12th October, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. This project was partnered by other Rotary Clubs of RID 3291 and other International Partner Clubs from Australia and Singapore and support from our own District 3291 and District 3142.



This Mobile Vision Van is well equipped with modern machineries for EYE testing which will help the EYE Hospital reach the community in remote areas of Murshidabad and Nadia districts of West Bengal. The project will create an impact to the community with affordable EYE care at the door step. The EYE Vision Van will be operational with the support of Ophthalmologist and paramedical staff from the EYE Hospital. The patients screened from the Vision Van camps will be transferred to the EYE Hospital for further operative treatments in EYE care.

Rotary Club of Calcutta handed over the bus to the hospital at Rotary Sadan in the presence of DG Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhuri, PRID Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, DGE Purnendu Roychowdhury, Club President Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay and Hony. Secretary Ashok Kumar Basu. Other PDGs were also present. Almost 80 Rotarians from the



District and the participating clubs were present in the program making this a successful event. Seventeen Rotarians from Rotary Club of Calcutta also attended the program. Each Rotary Club was presented with a Certificate of Participation and the van keys along with the Handover certificate were handed over to Nasim Haider,

the Chairman of the Beldanga EYE Hospital.

The total project cost : 35,000 USD. Rotarians Participated : 50 numbers.

Reported by : Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury

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First Club Assembly – 12 October 2025



The First Club Assembly of RY 2025-26 was held in Rotary Sadan on 12 Oct. 2025. Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury started the committee reports and presented on the activities of the International and CSR Committee - Vision on Wheels, Peace Seminar and Siksha Labh projects. Following on, Rtn Subha Pal spoke of the various initiatives on the Public Image side, the restoration of the FB page, and all present complimented

on the speed with which reports and pictures are being uploaded in the Club's Social Media handles. She outlined future initiatives of installing plaques in various heritage / historic properties in the city as well as one in Rotary Sadan itself. She will initiate through Rtn Pramod Mathur, a discussion with LIC to enable the placement of a commemorative plaque at what was Peleti's Restaurant. Arindam suggested the restoration and adoption of a community run tea stall in Chandan Nagar, running for over a 100 years with a public image objective. Rtn Saswati first presented on Rtn Ruchika's behalf – Financial Literacy, the SPEAK program, and Tarumitra. She then presented on the Youth Service Committee – Netsafe Ninjas, STEM seminar, Formation of 2 Interact Clubs, Projects integrated with Interact Clubs. On her upcoming projects she spoke of Each to Teach, and 2 Ghat clean up activities by Interact Clubs. Rtn Anusua Das presented on membership, 3 prospective new members. And of course, the dismal show up on attendance (led by Rtn Kirit Patel) and the attendant issue of over budgeting of food plates. Most discussion revolved around retention and engagement. Rtn Sanjib Basu pointed to the fact that several measures for attendance have been discussed but never ever put in practice even experimentally. Buddy system, Missed you cards were discussed – led by Rtns Atin Sen and Pranab Sarkar. Morning pre business day meetings with breakfast, Club Assembly on Saturdays, Club Assemblies clubbed with RWMs were some of the ideas floated, to make more efficient use of Members' time and club resources. Pranab made an important point not to 'huddle' with close friends at fellowships rather draw in the new members who might be feeling lost under the circumstances. PP Ritwik Gupta then gave a short report on the developments leading up to the adoption of a constitution and amended by laws based on the latest MOP of RI. Hony. Secretary presented on behalf of Rtn Udit Mitra - Various camps at Bally Sujana Bandhu, STARS Welfare, ABWU, Deepranjani, The Refuge, Puja Clothes distribution, Mother and Child, Diabetic Retinopathy Clinic. On behalf of Rtn Abhijit Kolay, he presented the activities of the 100th Childrens' Treat Committee. Hony. Secretary displayed the Integrated Website rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org with screenshots explaining how members can access and see the Club's activities. He also displayed some key aspects of the points system of Club performance. Regrettably, Rtn Shampa's activities in Women's Empowerment could not be presented. These are – Career Counselling Workshop, and Virangana. The meeting closed at 1:20 pm and was followed by lunch. Rtns Subha Pal, Pranab Sarkar, Arindam Roychowdhury, Saswati Mukherjee, Anand Sharma, Kirit Patel, Ritwik Gupta, Anusua Das, Koel Roychowdhury, Atin Sen, Sanjib Basu, Suman and Ravindra attended, apart from President Debnath and Hony. Secretary Ashok Basu.

Reported by Hony. Secretary Ashok Basu

Recognizing 100% Attendance : A Tradition of Commitment

At our regular weekly meeting held on Tuesday, **14th October 2025**, the **Rotary Club of Calcutta** took pride in recognizing members who achieved **100% attendance** during the Rotary year **2024-25**. This gesture of appreciation highlights the enduring spirit of fellowship and commitment that defines our club. Each 100% attendee received a **token of appreciation** as a symbol of their dedication to Rotary ideals and their consistent participation in club activities. Notably, several of our **senior exempted members** were also among the 100% attendees, which itself is a testament to their unwavering enthusiasm and continued engagement with the club despite exemption from attendance requirements. Their continued participation serves as a powerful reminder that the spirit of Rotary lies in wholehearted service, not merely in meeting formal attendance norms.

The event was marked by warm camaraderie, applause and a shared sense of pride in upholding Rotary's values of **service, fellowship and dedication**.

Report by : Rtn. Anusua Das, Chairperson

Membership, Classification, Family of Rotary, Attendance and Green Badgers Committee RY 2025-26

Each to Teach Mentorship Program

The **Rotary Club of Calcutta Youth Service Committee**, in association with **The Education Trust and Pathanam**, is launching a six-month Mentorship Program called **"Each To Teach"**.

This initiative aims to bridge the rural-urban education gap by connecting 100 urban student Mentors with 100 rural primary school children for one-on-one virtual teaching. Over six months, Mentors will conduct 48 sessions (2 per week) using a structured Learning Management System.



Participating Interact schools include **DPS Howrah, Vidyanjali International School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Silver Point School, and Asian International School.**

To prepare Mentors, Pathanam will host an on-campus orientation (dates in the flyer), covering virtual teaching, blended learning, communication skills, and basic tech exposure. Through this program, urban students will also gain insight into the challenges faced by rural learners due to limited educational resources in their learning journey.

Rural students will benefit from blended learning, improved language and communication skills, digital literacy, and flexible class timings.

Reported by : Rtn Saswati Mukherjee, Chair, Youth Service Committee

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Domkal Murshidabad, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.

Birthday

H. V. Patodia	25th October
Rachana Nahata	28th October
Dr. Subhendu Sarkar	28th October
Yogesh Dassani	1st November
Shree Kumar Bangur	1st November
Dr. Asis Kumar	2nd November
Suvamoy Saha	2nd November
Sonia Dutt	3rd November

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Tara John & Mr. Mathew P. John	25th October
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Celebrate your Joy and Happiness of Birthdays and Anniversaries - donate generously to the Rotary Foundation India and for Club Projects.

REPORTS

- To celebrate Literacy Month, Special Project Committee organized "Siksha Labh – III" project and handed over 80 Desktop Computers to the beneficiaries on 12th October, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. The entire project was supported by our DGN Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury and one well-wisher Member of the Club.
- First Club Assembly of the Club was held on Sunday, 12th October, 2025 at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at Rotary Sadan.

TODAY

5000th Regular Weekly Meeting

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Speaker to be announced.

NO REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

There will no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 28th October, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. as the said meeting is held on Saturday, 25th October, 2025 (5000th RWM) followed by fellowship and dinner. You are requested to kindly make a note of the change.

CORRIGENDA

- Rtn Savani Gooptu had achieved 100% attendance for the Rotary year 2024-25. However, her name was not included in the list printed in The Chaka dated 14th October 2025. The error is deeply regretted.
- In the Birthdays list printed in The Chaka of 14th October 2025, Rtn. Pulak Bagchi's surname was misspelt. The error is deeply regretted.

BOARD MEETING

The 4th meeting of the Board of Directors for Rotary Year 2025-26 will be held on Monday 27th October 2025. Venue : Board Room 1st Floor, Rotary Sadan, Time : 6:30 pm. All members of the Board are requested to note and attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 4th November, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 11th November, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 18th November, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting for Nomination)	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 29th November, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Programme : "Antakshari"	Rotary Sadan (1st floor) 6.30 p.m. / Followed by Fellowship and Dinner



THE CHAKA WISHES ALL ITS READERS "HAPPY DIWALI"



MINUTES OF THE 4999th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests, wished them Subha Biyoya and called the 4999th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
- Minutes of the 4998th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 26th September, 2025 were confirmed.
- President informed members that there was no Guest Speaker on that day as the Club would felicitate 100 % attendance members for the Rotary year 2024-2025.
- President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- President reported the following :**
 - The Club observed its 107th Foundation Day on Friday, 26th September, 2025 followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary Sadan.
 - First Club Assembly of Club was held on 12th October, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by Lunch.
 - On 12th October, 2025 - the Special Project Committee organised the handover ceremony of "Rotary Mobile Vision Van" to Rotary Beldanga Eye Hospital under the Global Grant No. 2466433. At the request of the President, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairman, Special Projects Committee reported on this project.
- President announced the following :**
 - To observe World Polio Day, R I Dist. 3291 would organise Polio Awareness programme on Friday, 24th October, 2025 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan, jointly hosted by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance. He requested members to join the programme on that day. He also requested members to please contribute a minimum of \$100 to support the Polio Plus Society and get the Polio Plus Society Member Pin.
 - At the request of the President, Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury also announced the International conference to be held from 13th to 17th June, 2026 and requested members to register their names.
- At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter conducted Club Business :
 - He welcomed all Members and Guests and wished them "Subha Biyoya".
 - He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 24th October, 2025 and requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation India and the Club Projects.
 - There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 21st October, 2025 on account of Diwali Holiday.
 - There would also be no Regular Weekly meeting on Tuesday, 28th October, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. as the said meeting would be held on Saturday, 25th October, 2025 (5000th RWM). He requested members to kindly make a note of these changes.
 - The next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club would be on Saturday, 25th October, 2025 (5000th RWM) at 6.00 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. He requested members to attend the meeting along with their spouses.
 - Health Committee has organised a Vaccination Camp on 28 Oct. 2025 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. Interested members were requested to please contact Mr. Shambhu Dey of Club Office for booking of the same.
 - The Board at its meeting held on 22nd September, 2025 accepted the resignations of Rtn. Joyanta Chatterjee and Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly with effect from 23.09.2025.
 - Youth Service Committee has put together a "Each to Teach" programme that aims to empower our Interact student members to mentor / coach underprivileged school Students from remote rural areas. The MOU would be signed on 14th October, 2025 at 4 p.m. in Rotary Sadan. He requested members to be present for the event after the RWM on that day.
 - Fourth Meeting of the Board of Directors (2025-26) of the Club would be held on Monday, 27th October, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. in the Rotary Sadan, (Board Room, 1st floor) and requested all Board members to make a note it and attend.
- At the request of the President, Rtn. Anusua Das, Chairperson, Membership and Attendance Committee 2025-26 announced the names of members with 100 % attendance for the Rotary year 2024-2025 and the awards were handed over by the Past Presidents and other senior members.
- On behalf of the Club, the Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn. Pranab Kumar Sarkar.
- Sunshine Box Collection Rs 1,000/- with special contribution from Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal and Rtn. Anusua Das on that day.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary