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Tapan Gooptu
President



Sudakshina Roy
Secretary

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East received its Charter on 17th February, 1988 and we are a 38-year old club with the then Managing Director of CESC Ltd, the late Asit Mitra being the Charter President. Presently, three Charter Members still remain with the club - PP Onkar Banerjee, our seniormost member, Charter Secretary and Past President Devasis Gupta and current President (for the third time) and Past Dy. District Governor in the Centenary Year of the District 3291 Tapan Gooptu. In spite of many ups and downs, the club has managed to survive and has a present membership strength of 34 members. The strength of the club has been the role of the Past Presidents, whose combined commitment has helped the club see through many



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critical times which every Rotary Club goes through during its existence. Some of the prominent Past Presidents who are still actively involved in the club are Devasis Gupta, Onkar Banerjee, Paramita Biswas, Abhijit Sen, Suman Sood, Sisir Chakrabarti, Timir Chatterjee and off course, myself. We are currently in the phase of bringing in the NEXTGEN for handling the destiny of our club and in line with the Strategic Planning of Rotary we have confirmed the nominations of Rtns. Vinayak Pasricha, Subhankar Chakraborty and Sudakhina Ray as the incumbents for the club leadership for the Rotary Year 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29. We try to work in all the Avenues of Service with emphasis on Youth Services- we have three Interact Clubs and two RCCs.

Guest Speaker

Arijit Sengupta is a person whose first love, passion, and career revolve around travel. With over 20 years of experience in the travel industry, he is a well-known figure who advises and organizes unique, offbeat, luxury trips for more than 25,000 clients each year, tailored to their budgets.



He graduated in Management from the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management in Pune and is an alumnus of South Point. Currently, he oversees Vicky Holidays as the Business Head for Corporate Tours & Holidays. Arijit successfully managed SOTC in Eastern India from 2012 to 2022 and was one of the founding members who launched Makemytrip's Holiday business in India.

Prandhara - II



Inauguration of the Tata Swach Water Purification Plant at Bhajna Ramchandrapur High School took place on Saturday, 16th May 2026 at 1 PM.

This facility was successfully installed under Global Grant No. 2578095 (Project PRANDHARA - II) by the Rotary Club of Calcutta, with RC Calcutta East Central serving as the partner club.

Venue: Bhajna Ramchandrapur High School, P.O. Ramchandrapur, South 24 Parganas.

Inaugurated By : PDG Mukul Sinha and Club President Bharati Jayswal. Dignitaries and Attendees Present Smt. Rakhi Sinha, PP Jyotish Ch. Roy, PP Ranjan Jayswal,

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We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Rtn. Prabir Kr. Saha, Rtn. Prabir Kr. Mukherjee, School teachers and students, Members of the RCC Bhajna Ramchandrapur Surya Kiran Society.

Rotary club of Calcutta respects the partner clubs. We Unite for Good to Spread the Magic of Rotary.

DEBATE - Rotary Club of Calcutta vs Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City



Motion : "ROTARY MUST INNOVATE ITS SERVICE PORTFOLIO & EVOLVE" Held at Rotary Sadan on 19th May, 2026

The annual debate, between Rotary of Calcutta, and its 1991 chartered club, Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, proved to be an amazing evening of verbal jousting. At the start, the audience vote was 40-odd FOR and ONE AGAINST. Defending the motion were three speakers from the host club, who said :

Amitava Sinha: "From 1905, the Rotary movement has innovated and evolved constantly, spreading across nations and including lady members. Innovation and Evolution are the core strengths of Rotary and need to be recognized. Without change, the movement will fall by the wayside."

Sriranjani Joshi: "The presence of Ladies, the multifarious service projects of our clubs prove that we are changing with the times. Without such change, there can be no growth. The organization will lose its charm. Every organization, like companies, embrace change. We have to make it our core value."

Arijit Sen: "Without change and new practices, the world would have become a boring one. I represent that change as a member of satellite club. If the host club had not evolved, I would not be here. Our presence is the proof of the good things that change achieves."

Summing up, Rtn. Sen said: "The Opposition is refusing to recognize the eternal truth – that without change there can be no future. If we do not embrace change, we will perish. We have to change and evolve with the times to bring in new talent and skills. We have get young individuals into our movement. We have to change the world by changing with it."

Opposing them were, from the Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City :

Ritesh Kapoor: "Rotary is a real living organization based on fellowship and friendship. Why should we INNOVATE or EVOLVE? Are we a business or a political party - to innovate and evolve for more customers or more votes? Service is a matter of the heart. Rotary must INNOVATE and EVOLVE in the basics."

Dr Amit Paul: "The foundation of Rotary is fellowship. If a rotary club does not do service or doesn't build a hospital it has not done any wrong. However, if a Rotary club does not have regular weekly meetings, its charter will be withdrawn, it will be dissolved. This is a debate therefore about what is fundamental and what is cosmetic. SERVICE may follow from fellowship."

Tunir Chakravarty: "The purpose of Rotary is FELLOWSHIP. SERVICE is a concept that is embraced by Rotary members as individual initiative and then shared through the Rotary club. As the Four Way Test tells us, be friendly, inclusive, respectful, fair and bear goodwill towards all and in your Rotary club. Rotary brings together good people. From that may come many things: Service is one of them. Don't let the other side fool you."

SUMMING UP, Rtn Ritesh : "The core nature of Rotary is friendship and fellowship. It is wrong to arrogantly claim that we need to INNOVATE in SERVICE. Service is a act of a humble nature. We need to listen to others to serve. Be humble, have a good character. BE Truthful, Fair, Friendly and Help build Goodwill."

End Vote was 28 FOR and 18 AGAINST. The motion was carried.

Reported by Debate Moderator Rtn Pradeep Gooptu

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We extend our warm greetings to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East, India RI Dist. 3291

TODAY

Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East, India, RI Dist. 3291
Guest Speaker : Rtn. Arijit Sengupta

Birthday

Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen 26th May
Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das 28th May

Wish you many happy returns of the day

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Program to be announced

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal & R-Ann Asha 27th May
Rtn. Amita Dutt & PDG Rtn. Amitava Mukherjee 27th May
Rtn. Heena Gorsia & Mr. Raju 29th May
Rtn. Gaurav Swarup & R-Ann Parul 29th May

REPORTS

Youth Service and Health Care Committee jointly organised an Interactive section on "Stay Safe : From Screens to Substances" for the students of Class 8-12 on Saturday, 23rd May, 2026 between 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan.

NO MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026

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

MEMBERS' NITE - 2026

This year Members' Nite will be held on Sunday, 28th June, 2026 at 6.00 p.m. onwards followed by fellowship and dinner. All members are requested to join with your families. For participation, members are requested to reach Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Program Committee 2025-26.

RABINDRA JAYANTI & NAZRUL SANDHYA

Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya will be held on Tuesday, 26th May, 2026 at 4.00 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) with a programme staged by the students of the Cultural Section and senior Rotarians. You are requested to join the programme with your family.

107th INSTALLATION MEETING (SUNDAY, 5th July, 2026)

107th Installation meeting of the Club will be held on Sunday, 5th July, 2026 at the Park Hotel, Banquet Hall (1st floor) at 10.30 a.m. onwards preceded by Breakfast at 9 a.m.

Programme : a) Registration and Breakfast at 9 a.m. & b) Meeting at 10.30 p.m. onwards

Registration Charges Rs. 1,500/- per member, Rs. 2,800/- per member with spouse, Rs. 1,500/- per Guest

You are requested to register your name with the Club Office (Rotary Sadan, Shambhu Dey Mob : No : 9831114429)

JOINT CLUB ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE, 2026

Joint Club Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 at 2.00 p.m. onwards at the Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials outgoing and incoming (2025-26) & (2026-27) and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and joint the important meeting. Committee Chairs (2025-26) are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the Rotary year 2025-26 of the last quarter for the Joint Club Assembly to the Hony. Secretary.

CLUB OFFICERS' LEARNING SEMINAR (COLS) - 2026-2027 ON TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE, 2026

Club Officers' Learning Seminar (COLS) for the Rotary Year 2026-2027 will be held on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 at 2.30 p.m. onwards at the Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by High Tea.

All members especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors (2026-2027), Committee Chairpersons (2026-2027), Co-Chairpersons (2026-2027), Advisors (2026-27), Club Officials (2026-2027) & new members are requested to kindly attend the important meeting.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

| Date | Day | Programme | Time | Venue | Speaker / Remarks |
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| 2nd June 2026 | Tuesday | RWM | Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m. | Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor) | — |
| 9th June 2026 | Tuesday | RWM | Lunch 12:30 p.m./Meeting 1:30 p.m. followed by 4th Club Assembly at 2:00 p.m. and COLS at 2:30 p.m. with High Tea | Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor) | — |

MINUTES OF THE 5023rd REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY, 2026 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5023rd RWM of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 5022nd Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 12th May, 2026 were confirmed.
4. President informed members of the sad demise of Senior Member of the Club, Late Rtn Mohan Lal Bhagat who passed away on Thursday, 14th May, 2026. He served as Director and Committee Chair. Our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace. One minute silence to mourn his death was observed.
5. The President informed members that Program Committee would organise Annual Debate - 2026 programme, Rotary Club of Calcutta VS Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City. Topic: "Rotary Must Innovate its Service Portfolio & Evolve" on that day.
6. President welcomed all members from Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, other visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day. President then exchanged Club flag with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City.
7. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) The Third Club Assembly of the Club was held on Tuesday, 12th May, 2026 at 3 p.m. onwards at the Rotary Sadan.
 - b) Basic Education and Literacy Committee organised and inaugurated a Book Corner on Thursday, 14th May, 2026 at 11 a.m. onwards at the Children's Welfare Association School for Girls. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Ruchika Majumdar and Surendranath Majumdar for the project.
8. **President Announced the following :**
Youth Service and Health Care Committee would jointly organise an Interactive section on "Stay Safe : From Screens to Substances" for the students of Class 8 - 12 on Saturday, 23rd May, 2026 between 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested members to make a note of it and attend on that day.
9. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu conducted the Club business :
 - a) He welcomed all RCC Members, Members from RC Calcutta Inner City, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 25th May, 2026 and 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 would be on Tuesday, 26 May, 2026 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch : 12.30p.m. / Speaker : Rtn Arijit Sengupta. It would be a joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East.
 - d) Rabindra Jayanti and Nazrul Sandhya will be held on 26th May, 2026 at 4 p.m. onwards at the Rotary Sadan with a programme to be staged by the students of the Cultural Section and he requested members to join the programme with their families.
 - e) The Eleventh Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club would be held on Monday, 25th May, 2026, at 6.30 p. m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested all Board members to kindly make note of it and attend.
 - f) Hony. Secretary then informed members that Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee has been nominated as the Hony. Secretary for the Rotary year 2027- 2028. He also informed that Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee has been nominated as the Hony. Treasurer for the Rotary year 2027- 2028 and on behalf of the Club he congratulated Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee and Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee for the same.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chair, Program Committee and Rtn Pradeep Gooptu of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City conduct the Annual Debate - 2026 of the Club of that day.
11. After the Annual Debate, President thanked all participants of the Debate and specially thanked to Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu as the moderator of the Debate and Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee for wonderful interaction programme of the on that day.
12. President then handed over mementoes to the participants, moderator and Chair, Programme Committee.
13. Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
14. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
15. The Club remember with good wishes Rotary Club of London, UK, RI Dist. 1130.
16. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner after the meeting. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns. Adity Nundy, Sailendra Gupta and Rajeev Paralikar, Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha and PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 7.58 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary

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