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Milford Fjords in New Zealand to the Polar Bears in Svalbard, from Orangutans in Borneo to the Bisons in Yellowstone and from the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania to the Mt. Fuji - Hakone areas in Japan, Dr. Chakrabarty travels to marvel and enjoy the endless beauty of Mother Nature ...

Independence Day 15 August 2025 - Rotary Sadan

Independence Day was observed with customary solemnity and optimism at Rotary Sadan on 15 Aug. 2025. DG Homchaudhuri arrived early in the morning despite a tough day's schedule. Flag hoisting by the DG was followed by the national anthem rendered by the children of NCLCL. DG then inaugurated a drawing exhibition; the exhibits were quite extraordinary, and Members may wish to visit the NCLCL to see the brilliant work being done by the children under the able care of Chair Roshni, and the staff.

As usual the children then put up a brilliant stage performance recalling the bravery and sacrifice of our freedom fighters. The quality of the performance spoke volumes of the detailing and choreography. 10 Rotarians attended.



We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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RCC Independence Day



Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor at RCC Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho on August 15, 2025.

On this day, the presence of the Rotarians (President Rtn Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury, Rtn. Dr. Atindranath Sen, Rtn PP Haladhar Dey) from Rotary Club of Calcutta strengthened our bond with the Rotary Club of Calcutta. They really honored us by joining the ceremony, bringing distinction and significance to the occasion with their esteemed presence. The main attraction of the day was the Kalaripayattu show by our students that stole the spotlight on the day.

A special assembly was organized where students and teachers presented speeches, patriotic songs, and cultural programs. The program also included a march-past and gymnastics by our Mother's Army section, showcasing the students' teamwork and physical discipline, highlighting the significance of the day.

The celebration was a grand success, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of patriotism and national pride.

Deep Ranjani Foundation in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta organised a free health check-up Camp



Highlights of the Camp :

- Date : 10th August 2025
- Time : 10 am onwards
- Special focus on inclusive and preventive healthcare, aligned with the vision of holistic well-being.
- Participation of experienced doctors, specialists, and volunteers providing consultations and guidance.

- Part of Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self", extending affordable healthcare access to lesser privileged sections of the community.
- Pratyasha, an Inclusive Multispeciality Clinic by DeepRanjani Foundation was launched on this day.
- Total Number of Patients - 161
- Total Number of Service Availed - 275

Services Available :

Dr. ASIF HOSSAIN, Psychiatry - 4 Patients
 Dr. CHANDAN BEHRA, General Medicine - 45 Patients
 Dr. PRASHANT SAH, Orthopedics - 30 Patients
 Dr. MANMATH SWAIN, Neurologist - 10 Patients
 Dr. KOUSHIK MISHRA, Pediatrics - 3 Patients
 Dr. JYOTIPRIYO HALDER, Cardiologist - 17 Patients
 Dr. RUDRAJIT SINHA, Gastrology - 23 Patients
 Dr. PARTHOJIT DAS, Rheumatology - 4 Patients
 Ms ARUNIMA ROY, Speech Therapy - 3 Patients
 Dr. SASWATI BISWAS, Ophthalmology - 50 Patients
 Mr. MAINAK GHOSH, Counselling - 2 Patients
 Mr. SUBHA & 3, Blood Test - 50 Patients
 Ms. NABONIT & 1, ECG - 34 Patients

As reported by Health Committee Chair Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha



District Awards received by our Club





Joint RWM with Rotary Club of Serampore



History of Rotary Club of Serampore - As narrated by Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya, President, RC Serampore at our Joint Meeting on 19th August 2025

In the 1950s, towns around Calcutta were getting industrialized. The thought of men in these areas seeking Rotary's fellowship and ideals was in the minds of Rotarians of Calcutta. Thus Rtn. G. Basu, President of RC Calcutta in 1954-55 decided to survey Uttarpara, Serampore and other nearby areas for establishing a Rotary Club.

In 1959-60, the then Past President Saral Deb and Rtn. S. K. Bose of RC Calcutta assisted by Rtn. N. R. De, Secretary of RC Howrah were entrusted with the job and the first meeting of a prospective club was held on Friday, 4th March, 1960 with 24 members at Hindustan Motors in Uttarpara. It was attended by PDG and RI Counsellor G. Basu and many members of the Rotary Clubs of Calcutta, Howrah and the newly formed Calcutta South West.

Thus the 4th Rotary Club in Greater Calcutta came into being. RI admitted RC Serampore as a member and granted the charter on 17th June 1960. It was presented on January 6th, 1961 by District Governor S. N. Bhattacharji to Charter President K. D. Churiwala.

In its 65 year journey, RC Serampore has achieved many remarkable milestones of service to the Society. It meets at its own venue on Saturdays at 7 PM at the Puja Memorial Community Hall in Konnagar donated by Rtn. Kamal Mukherjee in his late daughter's memory.

Project Report : SPEAK – Public Speaking & Communication Crash Course



Organised by : Rotary Club of Calcutta, Basic Education and Literacy Committee

In Association With : Musicea Arts and Culture Council

Date : 18th to 21st August 2025

Time : 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Venue : Bijoygarh Vidyapith High School for Boys

Objective

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

Participants

• **Total Students : 55**

• **100 juice packs sponsored by Rtn Shampa Ghose**

Schools Involved :

- Bijoygarh Vidyapith High School for Boys
- Jadavpur Baghajatin High School for Boys
- Jadavpur High School

Session Highlights

- 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.

Members Present

- Rtn Dr Debnath Chattopadhyay - President
- Rtn Ashok Basu - Hony. Secretary
- Rtn Ritwik Gupta - PP
- Rtn Ruchika Majumdar - Chair, Basic Education and Literacy Committee
- Rtn Saswati Mukherjee - Co Chair Basic Education and Literacy Committee

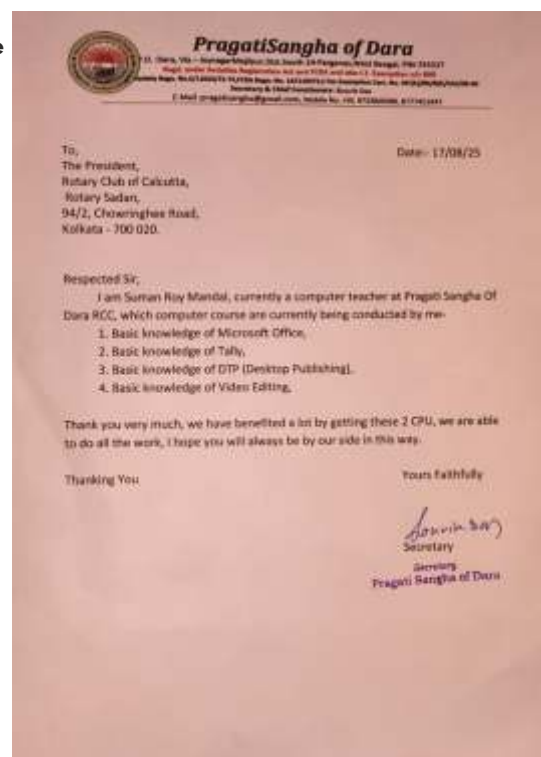
Also present were principals and teachers from all three schools.

Outcomes

- Noticeable improvement in student communication and engagement
- Monthly individual school visits for guidance and mentoring
- Assessment scheduled next month, followed by certification
- Strong interest from school principals to continue and expand the initiative

Reported by Rtn Ruchika Majumdar- Chair, Basic Education and Literacy Committee

Our President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay has received the following letter of appreciation from a Computer teacher expressing his gratitude for the 2 CPUs donated which is enabling him to conduct the computer courses at Pragati Sangha of Dara RCC.



On August 31, 2025, the Youth Service, Tech Knowledge Committee, Rotary Club of Calcutta, in collaboration with JSR Eventers will organise a "STEM Awareness Seminar" at Rotary Sadan from 01.00 PM.

This program is aimed at inspiring young minds by highlighting STEM's critical role in solving real-world challenges and opening diverse career pathways.

The seminar will feature two distinguished speakers :

Dr. Jaideep Talukdar : Vice-Chancellor of Silicon University, Odisha

Mr. Rajarshi Roy : An experienced educator specializing in mathematics, quantitative aptitude, logical reasoning, and data interpretation. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Tutopia Learning App.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

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

REPORTS

- Health Care Committee in collaboration with Deepranjani Foundation organised a free Health Check-up Camp on Sunday, 10th August, 2025 at the Deepranjani Foundation premises, 25, Dr. Asutosh Shastri Road, Belaghata, Kolkata.
- Independence Day celebrated on Friday, 15th August, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by Students of the Cultural Section.
- Sunday, 17th August, 2025 – R I Dist. 3291 organised District Awards ceremony “Sammanam” for the Rotary Year 2024-25 at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium. Our Club has owned Four Rolling Trophies including Runners Up Best Club / Seventeen other Awards / Three Certificates.
- Handed over Spectacles to our RCC Star Welfare Society at the Regular Weekly Meeting.
- Distributed New Garments for Durga Puja (Ladies and Gents) to a NGO, “Mission Mother & Child”, Falter, Dist. of South 24-Parganas at our Regular Weekly Meeting held on 19th August 2025 at the Rotary Sadan.
The above Garments donated by Ms. Chandra Saha, Rash Behari Avenue, Kolkata and Ms. Vidita Mukherjee, Canada.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 9th September, 2025 at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
1 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

Programme : Teachers' Day celebration

Birthday

Dr. Saswati Mukherjee	1st September
Kunal Dalmia	2nd September
Suchitra Sen	2nd September
Dr. Ajay Agarwal	4th September
Biswajit Datta	4th September
Tushar Basu	7th September
Debashis Mitra	8th September
Deepa Bagla	8th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Celebrate your Joy and Happiness on Birthdays and Anniversaries. Donate generously for The Rotary Foundation and Club Projects.

NO MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on next Tuesday, 2nd September, 2025 as the said meeting held on Saturday 30th August, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. You are requested to kindly make a note of these changes.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA AWARDED AT THE DISTRICT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY “SAMMANAM” 2024-25 HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2025 AT DHONO DHANYO AUDITORIUM

In the category of Group D (Members beyond 50)

ROLLING TROPHIES

1. RUNNER-UP CUP FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2024-25 OF THE R.I. DISTRICT-3291
2. WATER SANITATION & HYGEINE
3. OVERALL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
4. PEACE BUILDING

1ST PRIZES

1. NEWSLETTER (CLUB BULLETIN)
2. CANCER AWARENESS (other than Cervical Cancer)
3. WATER AND SANITATION
4. COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Other than Dist. Grant)
5. YOUTH AND INTERACT
6. PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION
7. CLUB SERVICE
8. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
9. DISTRICT PROGRAMME SUPPORT

2ND PRIZES

1. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT
2. EYE CARE AND AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS
3. DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT
4. BLOOD DONATION

3RD PRIZES

1. POLIO ERADICATION
2. VOCATION SERVICE & TRAINING
3. CATARACT SURGERIES

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

FOR MOBILE CANCER DETECTION BUS & DIALYSIS MACHINE

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE

1. SUPPORT TOWARDS ENVIRONMENT
2. LITERACY
3. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 2nd September, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	-----
Tuesday, 9th September, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Programme : Teachers' Day celebration.	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th September, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : TBA	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	-----
Friday, 26th September, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Programme : Foundation Day celebration followed by fellowship and dinner	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) 6.30 p.m. onwards
Tuesday, 30th September, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting Durga Puja Holidays	-----

ACTIVITY REPORT OF INTERACT CLUB OF SILVER POINT SCHOOL**PROJECT : A Celebration of Empathy and Inclusion**

In a heartwarming initiative, the Interact Club of Silver Point School organised a Pre-Rakhi Celebration on August 7, 2025, in collaboration with Noble Mission, Mukundapur, a centre dedicated to the training and empowerment of individuals with intellectual and developmental delays. Held within the school premises, the event brought together 30 Interactors and 75 beneficiaries in a vibrant celebration of empathy and inclusion. The program was thoughtfully designed to foster unity, strengthen interpersonal bonds, and promote values of mutual respect and compassion. As Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam beautifully expressed, "The great gift of human beings is that we have the power of empathy; we can all sense a mysterious connection to each other." Six students from Noble Mission, accompanied by their teachers, visited Silver Point School carrying handcrafted rakhis that showcased their creativity and talent. These rakhis were warmly received and purchased by students and teachers of Silver Point School, who deeply appreciated the craftsmanship and spirit behind each creation. In a symbolic gesture of unity, children from both institutions tied rakhis to one another, reinforcing the message of protection and respect that transcends familial ties. The celebration was further enriched by shared conversations, joyful moments, delicious refreshments, and photographs that captured the essence of togetherness. The vibrant colours of the rakhis and the innocent smiles of the children created an atmosphere filled with warmth, joy, and mutual appreciation. The Interact Club of Silver Point School remains steadfast in its commitment to organising inclusive and compassionate programs that nurture empathy and build meaningful connections.

MINUTES OF THE 4994th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 19th AUGUST, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. IN ROTARY SADAN (JOINT MEETING WITH R.C. OF SERAMPORE) R I. DIST. 3291

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4994th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The President informed members that in absence of Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu, Past Secretary, Rtn. Anand Sharma would conduct the meeting on that day.
3. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
4. The President then informed members that day was a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Serampore, R I Dist. 3291 and on behalf of the Club he welcomed all members of the Rotary Club of Serampore. He also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attending the meeting.
5. At the request of the President, Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya, President Rotary Club of Serampore called their meeting to order.
6. Minutes of the 4993rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 12th August, 2025 were confirmed.
7. At the request of the President, Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya, President and Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Subhamoy Guha Roy, Rotary Club of Serampore conducted their Club business.
President, Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya then introduced his Club Members and exchanged Club Flag with us.
8. **President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay reported the following :**
 - a) Health Care and Community and RCC Committee jointly organized in association with All Bengal Women's Union a free Eye and Dental Check-up Camp on Wednesday, 13th August, 2025 at 89, Elliot Road, Kolkata - 700016.
 - b) Independence Day was celebrated on Friday, 15th August, 2025 at Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisted in presence of Dist. Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri followed by an Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by students of the Cultural Section.
 - c) Basic Education and Literacy Committee organised an online Financial Literacy Course held on Thursday, 4th August, 2025 for First Year and Second Year Economics Students of Sophia College Mumbai. 55 Students attended the online course.
 - d) Last Sunday, 17th August, 2025, R I Dist. 3291 organised District Awards ceremony "Sammanam" for the Rotary Year 2024-25 at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium. He also informed members that Rotary Club of Calcutta has owned - Four Rolling Trophies including Runners Up Best Club / Seventeen other Awards / Three Certificates. Details of all Awards would be published in the next edition of Chaka on 30th August, 2025. At the request of the President, Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury also reported on Annual Awards for the Rotary year 2024-25.
 - e) At the request of the President, Club Trainer, Rtn. Ritwik Gupta gave a short report of Club activities in the Rotary Club of Calcutta.
9. **President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay announced the following :**
 - i) Community Service and Health Care Committee jointly organized an Eye Screening Camp on 2nd August, 2025 at our RCC Star Welfare Society. Spectacles handed over to the representative from RCC Star Welfare Society on that day.
 - ii) New Garments (Ladies and Gents) for Durga Puja handed over to a NGO "Mission Mother and Child" Falta, South 24-parganas at the meeting on that day. The Garments donated by Ms Chandra Saha, Rash Behari Avenue, Kolkata, and Ms. Vidita Mukherjee from Canada. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked them for their donations.
 - iii) President informed members that Rotary Club of South Calcutta will organize an awareness program for Breast and Cervical Cancer on 23rd August, 2025 near Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission and our Club will co-host the programme. Interested members are requested to contact Mr. Prabir Kumar Mukherjee of Club Office.
10. At the request of the President, Past Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club Business :
 - a) He welcomed all RCC Members, Members from R.C. of Serampore and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 29th August, 2025. He wished them and then requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation India and the Club Projects.
 - c) Next meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, 30th August, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor).
Programme : Screening of Wildlife Photographs and Related discussion.
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on next Tuesday, 26th August, 2025 as the said meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th August, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan and requested members to make a note of these changes and attend with their spouse.
 - e) Second Meeting of the Board of Directors (2025-26) of the Club will be held on Monday, 25th August 2025 at 6.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan, and requested all members of the Board to attend.
 - f) Rotary Satellite Club of Calcutta Colt will organise their first project - a panel discussion on "Voices of Panchali" on Thursday, 28th August, 2025 in Rotary Sadan at 6.30 p.m. and requested all members to attend the programme.
- 11 At the request of the President and other members from R.C. of Serampore, members from R.C. of Calcutta addressed the gathering on that special occasion.
- 12 On behalf of the Club, President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay handed over Mementoes to Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya, President and Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Subhamoy Guha Roy, Rotary Club of Serampore.
- 13 On behalf of the Club, a Vote of thanks was given by Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu.
- 14 No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
- 15 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Nagaur, Rajasthan, India, R.I. Dist. 3053.
- 16 At the request of the President, Rtn. Uttam Bhattacharya, President R.C. of Serampore adjourned their Club meeting.
- 17 President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay then adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary

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