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Speaker For Today

Mrs. Sudeshna Roy

Topic : Child's Rights Awareness



Sudeshna Roy was the Chairperson and Advisor of the West Bengal Commission For Protection Of Child Rights. She has been associated with the Commission since 2017.

She is also a journalist, script developer, story writer and filmmaker. She, along with Abhijit Guha, her co director, has made 23 full length feature films and over 30 films for television and OTT platforms. She concentrates on youth centric films with a touch of humour. She is also a columnist with several papers and e-magazines.

Sudeshna Roy also acts on television and in cinema. She however started life as a teacher, then went into journalism and forayed into the world of audio visual.

Her concentration for the last seven years had been in protecting children. She is also a member of the selection committee of the Kolkata



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International Film Festival. In the last five years she has curated exhibitions on Soumitra Chatterjee, Satyajit Ray, Amitabh Bachchan, Dev Anand, Goddard, Mrinal Sen, Tapan Sinha, Arundhati Devi, Marcello Mastroianni, Marlon Brando and Harisadhan Dasgupta for the Kolkata International Film Festival. She has edited and put together books on Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Soumitra Chatterjee and Amitabh Bachchan which were published by the In CA department of the Government of West Bengal.

Her films have been showcased at various national and international festivals. Her latest film Aapish is just released and was showcased at Kolkata International Film Festival and Asian Film Festival at Mumbai.

She is a proud alumni of Loreto College and Gokhale Memorial Girls' School, Kolkata.

Mega RCC Health Camp at The Refuge A Resounding Success



On 28th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in association with Taj Bengal Kolkata, organized the first Mega RCC Health Camp of the Rotary year 2025-26 at The Refuge Orphanage, which has been serving the community for 125 years. Despite the rain, the event witnessed an inspiring turnout of 163 beneficiaries, including 200 orphan children and 25 elderly residents from The Home for the Haves and the Havenots. The camp provided eye check-ups (130 screened, 25 spectacles distributed by Titan Eye, Taj Bengal), dental care, and general health consultations with medicines. Notably, pediatrician Dr Avinash Yadav and general physician Rtn. Dr Rajib Ghose was present to ensure comprehensive care for the children and elderly. RCC Convenor Mr. Biswarup Dey and his team were instrumental in managing the large number of children with efficiency and compassion. A special thanks to Taj Bengal for their generous support through their employee volunteering program. Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kumar and his medical team from Indian Dental Association personally oversaw the children's well-being throughout the camp. The presence and encouragement of President Rtn. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Hon'y. Secretary



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Rtn. Ashoke Basu, Rtn. Anusua Das, Rtn. Udit Mitra, Rtn. Shampa Ghose, Rtn. Partha Mukherjee added great value to the program. Health Committee Chair Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha was also present in the program. PDG Rtn. Rajani Mukerji and Ann Ballari Mukerji added great energy and spirit to the day and distributed chocolates and biscuits to the beneficiaries. This camp marks a strong

start for the Health Committee under the Rotary year 2025–26 and sets the tone for many more impactful initiatives ahead. The whole program was powered by Community Service Committee 2025 - 26.

Activity Report of Silver Point School – 28th Foundation Day Celebration, July 26, 2025



The Interact Club of Silver Point School successfully hosted its 28th Foundation Day celebration on July 26, 2025, embracing the theme “UNITE FOR GOOD.” The event served as a meaningful platform for 170 underprivileged children from diverse NGOs to showcase their talents while commemorating the school’s enduring legacy. The event had



several key goals focused on service and celebration. Its main aim was to create a lively platform for children from different NGOs to show their talents, helping them build confidence and feel included. The 35 Interactors of the school were actively able to connect with those in need, promoting empathy, leadership, and a better understanding of service among the student volunteers.

The day began with a welcome speech by Interactor Baishnabi Prasad, followed by a soulful welcome song performed by the students of Silver Point School. The traditional lighting of the ceremonial lamp by esteemed guests marked the formal inauguration of the event. Among the prominent attendees were Dr. Debnath Chattapadhyay (President, Rotary Club of Calcutta, RID 3291), Rtn. Arpita Chatterjee (District Interact Committee Chair, RID 3291), Rtn. Sulagna Daw (Interact Advisor, RID 3291), and Silver Point School trustees and Founder Mrs. Bani Roychowdhury and Mr. Purnendu Roychowdhury. Other guests from the Rotary Club of Calcutta included Rtn. Ashok Basu (Hony. Secretary), Rtn. Anand Sharma, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Rtn. Haladhar Dey, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani, and Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu.

Ten NGOs working in the field of child welfare and social upliftment were honoured for their commendable efforts. Silver Point School’s philanthropic contributions included a generous donation of 1,06,799/- to HelpAge India for cataract surgeries benefiting rural elderly, and 15,000/- to support Thalassemia treatment for seven-year-old Shabnur Nahar. The cultural segment featured a performance by school girls followed by engaging performances from the children of participating NGOs.

Principal Ms. Sucharita Roy Choudhury felicitated NGO founders and educators for their dedication and service. A total of 125 children from the NGOs received curated gift bags and lunch packets to celebrate the occasion. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Mr. Arnab Roy followed by the School Song and the National Anthem, leaving behind a powerful message of unity, empathy, and service.

Report by Youth Chair Rtn Dr Saswati Mukherjee

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta South West, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 12th August, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Speaker to be announced.

Birthday

Hemant Kanoria	5th August
Hirak Kumar Sen	5th August
Dr. Dipak Roychowdhury	6th August
Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay	7th August
Shinjini Bose	10th August
Pramit Kumar Ray	10th August

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversary

Dr. Abhrajit Ray & Dr. Nandini Ray	10th August
Pramit Kumar Ray & R-Ann Sreya	11th August

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

REPORTS

- Interact Club of Silver Point School organised their Foundation Day on 26th July, 2025 at 10 a.m. onwards at Kasba, Kolkata.
- R.I. District 3291 organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta distribution of 3,000 Saplings on Sunday, 27th July, 2025 from 4 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan.
- Health Care Committee organized in association with Taj Bengal Hotel, a Mega Health Camp on Monday, 28th July, 2025 at our RCC Refuge, Bowbazar, Kolkata.
- Youth and Tech Knowledge Committee organised in association with Rotary Club Calcutta Metro City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Labanhrad a workshop on "Cyber Security" titled "Netsafe Ninjas" for the students of Class IX to XII at 10 a.m. onwards on Wednesday, 30th July, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.

TODAY

Mrs. Sudeshna Roy, Journalist Script Developer, Story Writer & Film Maker, Ex-Chairperson of the West Bengal Commission for protection of Child Rights.
Topic: "Child's Rights Awareness"

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON 15TH AUGUST, 2025

Independence Day will be celebrated on Friday, 15th August, 2025 at 9 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by Students of the Cultural Section. You are requested to attend the programme with your families.

RESIGNATION

The Board at the meeting held on 28th July, 2025 accepted the resignations of the following Rotarians with effect from 30th July, 2025

- Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar
- Dr. Arkaprovo Roy

CLASSIFICATION SURVEY - 2025 - 26

To facilitate the ongoing Annual Classification Survey, members are requested to kindly suggest any new Classification to be opened in line with new and emerging professions and disciplines by 20th August, 2025. For any change in their own classification, members may write with reasons for change for consideration of the Classification Committee and the Board by 20th August, 2025. **From : Rtn. Anusua Das, Chairman, Membership, Attendance, Family of Rotary & Green Badgers Committee 2025-26**

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rtn. Kasturi Raha for being elected as the first Lady President of the Calcutta Club Ltd. for the year 2025-26.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 12th August, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Friday 15th August, 2025	Independence Day. Flag hoisting followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by the students of the Cultural Section.	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) Flag hoisting at 9 a.m.
Tuesday, 19th August, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 1 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m.
Saturday 30th August, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting followed by fellowship and dinner	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) 6.30 p.m.

COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT

Day	Date	Committee	Time	Venue
Wednesday	06.08.25	Membership, Classification, Family of Rotary and Green Badgers	6.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan, Board Room (1st floor)

MINUTES OF THE 4991ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN (JOINT MEETING WITH R.C. OF CALCUTTA SOUTH WEST)

1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4990th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Anusua Das.
3. President informed members that day was a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta South West, R I Dist. 3291 and on behalf of the Club he welcomed all members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta South West. He also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
4. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ruma Mitra, President RC of Calcutta South West called their meeting to order.
5. Minutes of the 4990th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 22nd July, 2025 were confirmed.
6. At the request of the President, Rtn Ruma Mitra, President and Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Samir Sur, RC of Calcutta South West conducted their Club business.
7. **President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay reported the following :**
 - a) Interact Club of Silver Point School organised their Foundation Day on 26th July, 2025 at 10 a.m. onwards at the School Premises in Kasba, Kolkata. A team from our Club attended the programme.
 - b) The Eye Checkup Camp scheduled to be held on 26th July, 2025 at RCC Stars Welfare Society has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Revised date would be announced shortly.
 - c) R I District 3291 has organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta distribution of 3,000 Saplings on Sunday, 27th July, 2025 at 4 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan.
 - d) Health Care Committee has organised in association with Taj Bengal Hotel, a Mega Health Check-up Camp on Monday, 28th July, 2025 at our RCC Refuge, Bowbazar, Kolkata between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
8. **President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay announced the following :**
 - a) Youth and Tech Knowledge Committee would be organising in association with R.C. of Calcutta Metro City and R. C. Calcutta Labanhrad a workshop on "Cyber Security" titled "Netsafe Ninjas" for the students of class IX to XII on Wednesday, 30th July, 2025 at 10 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan. For further details, please contact Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee, Chair, Youth and Tech Knowledge Committee.
 - b) Independence Day Flag hoisting at 9 a.m. would be followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by the Students of the Cultural Section on 15th August, 2025 at the Rotary Sadan. Dist. Governor Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri would inaugurate the programme and members were requested to attend in large numbers with their families.
9. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed all RCC Members, Members from R.C. of Calcutta South West and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 4th August, 2025 and wished and requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation India and the Club Projects.
 - c) Next meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 5th August, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Speaker to be announced.
10. At the request of the President, members from R.C. of Calcutta South West and members from R.C. of Calcutta addressed the gathering on that special occasion.
11. On behalf of the Club, President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay handed over Mementoes to Rtn. Ruma Mitra, President of Rotary Club of Calcutta South West and Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Samir Sur.
12. On behalf of the Club, Vote of Thanks was given by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
13. No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
14. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Centenary, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.
15. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ruma Mitra, President, R.C. of Calcutta South West adjourned their Club meeting.
16. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay then adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary