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## Antakshari Evening hosted by Pranam Roy



We have with us Pranam Roy who will host today's much awaited Antakshari evening. He has been an Anchor by profession since November 2000 and conducts events for schools, colleges & corporates which includes Quiz Competitions & Antaksharis. He also comperes live stage shows and presents musical programmes. He has been conducting classes for anchoring since 2007.





#### **SAMARTH III**

Rotary Club of Calcutta, through its Welfare Trust initiated a project in the name and style of Samarth III, the celebration of spreading joy. The joy of giving started by our Trust four years ago with an aim to empower the specially abled people of our society live more independently and with greater dignity. This initiative enables us to remove the barriers faced by those with disabilities, promoting independence and inclusion.

This year, the Trust distributed eighty wheel chairs to specially abled people from different parts of South Bengal. The distribution took place on 30th November, 2025 at Rotary Sadan in the presence of our President, Hony. Secretary, other members and donors. The entire project was funded by the kind donation of Benud Behari Dutt Trust. The total project cost was Rs 3 Lakhs.

Total project cost: INR 3Lakhs Beneficiaries: 80 numbers

Initiated by: International & CSR Committee
Reported by: Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury















We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org
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#### Interact Activity report of Silver Point School - Oct 2025













The Interact Club of Silver Point School successfully organised SYLVAN 2025, its Annual Art & Craft Exhibition, from 17th to 18th October 2025 at their school premises. Held under the theme "Crafting a Peaceful Tomorrow," the event showcased the creative talents of children from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and promoted inclusive education through active participation from NGO-run schools. The exhibition featured 35 Interactors, benefitting over 250 participants, with support from partner NGOs including JABALA Action Research Organisation,

Noble Mission, Ramkrishna Daridra Bhandar, and BASHA. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Meghdut Roychoudhury, Chief Innovation Officer & Executive Director, Techno India Group, in the presence of special guests, Mrs. Bani Roychowdhury, Mr. Purnendu Roychowdhury, Ms Paulie Laravoire, and Rotary dignitaries which included Rtn. Rajani Mukerji, Rtn. Sulagna Daw, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattapadhyay, Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, and Rtn. Chandreyee Das.

More than 80 children in the age group of 3 to 12, from participating NGOs took part in various competitions, including sit-and-draw, best out of waste, pot painting, mask making, flower rangoli, and face painting. The school campus featured thematic subject-wise room decorations, while 40 entrepreneur and NGO stalls displayed handmade products ranging from jewellery and textiles to décor items and food. Stalls run by the school's teachers and students raised funds for the Interact Club's social initiatives. Reinforcing its commitment to mental health, Silver Point School donated Rs 10,000 to Lifeline Foundation to support workshops for students in the Sunderbans.

SYLVAN 2025 showcased a range of captivating performances, including a special musical segment led by Mr. Roychoudhury involving NGO children, a Krishna Avatar group dance, and an Inter-House Dance Competition won by Derozio House. Students also performed in the Inter-House Nukkad Natak Competition on "Peace Against War & Militant Activities," where Teresa House emerged victorious. Winners across various competitions, including art & craft events, fancy dress, parents' talent hunt, and subjectwise room decoration, were presented with certificates and medals. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, the School Song, and the National Anthem.

#### Shreyashee Mukherjee





The Asian Fin swimming Championship 2025 took place in Zhanjiang, China from 24th November to 29th November 2025, bringing together top fin swimmers across the continent for one of Asia's most competitive aquatic events.

Shreyashee Mukherjee, daughter of Rtn. Satarupa Mukherjee and Dr. Sujoy Mukherjee was selected as one of the participants by the Underwater Sports Association of India to represent India on this international stage. We, at the Rotary Club of Calcutta extend our heartfelt congratulations to Shreyashee for this remarkable achievement and wish her all the success in achieving her future milestones. We are cheering for you Shreyashee always!

#### Thank You message to Rtn Kanak Dutt from Rotary Foundation



## THANK YOU OUR ENDOWMENT

Dear Kanak.

It's Rotary Foundation Month, and there's a lot to oriebrate — because of you! We have reached a morumental milestone in building The Rotary. Foundation's Endowment to US\$2.050 billion, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our members and friends of the Foundation.



#### Building Our Endowment 2025 by 2025

After nearly 10 years of vision and dedication from donors like you, we've exceeded our goal of securing US\$2,025 billion to the Endowment by 30 June 2025!

### **REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **ONE WORLD**

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

#### Birthday

Pranab Kumar Sarkar 6th December
Bablu Kolay 7th December
Indranil Dasgupta 8th December

Wish you many happy returns of the day

#### Wedding Anniversaries

Indrajit Banerjee

& R-Ann Haimanti

6th December

Celebrate your Joy and Happiness of Birthdays and Anniversaries - donate generously to the Rotary Foundation India and for Club Projects.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday 9th December, 2025 Meeting 1.30 p.m., Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

#### **REPORTS**

- a) 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 in English and Bengali from Rotary Childrens Welfare Trust.
- b) International and CSR Committee organized SAMARTH-III and ATMARIRBHAR-III and donated 90 Wheelchairs and 150 Sewing Machines to underprivileged people of the community. The event was held on Sunday, 30th November, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.

#### NO WEEKLY MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 30th December, 2025. You are requested to kindly make a note of the change.

#### **ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026**

Rotary District 3291 Conference-2026 will be held on 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.

#### **RESIGNATIONS**

The Board at its meeting held on 24th November, 2025 accepted the resignations of the following Rotarians with effect from 25.11.2025

- 1. Rtn. Sutanu Ghosh
- 2. Rtn. Ashok Manaktala

## 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 Pavillion, Nicco Park, 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 the 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.

## WE THANK ALL OUR DONORS IN ADVANCE FOR 100TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT (Donation received upto 01.12.2025)

1. Late Rtn. Nandita Sen	/	11. Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu	Rs. 25,000/-
(Nandita Sen Endowment A	ward) Rs. 27,000/-	12. Rtn. Sharmistha N. Koya	Rs. 51,000/-
2. PP Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Kumar Bo	rasu Rs. 2,000/-	13. PP. Rtn. Debashis Mitra	Rs. 25,000/-
3. Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal	Rs. 25,000/-		· '
4. Rtn. Anand Vardhan Bhuwa	lka Rs. 25,000/-	14. PP. Rtn. Haladhar Dey	Rs. 10,000/-
	K3. 25,000/	15. Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal	Rs. 5,000/-
5. Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla	/	16. PP. Rtn. Vikram Somany	Rs. 2,00,000/-
Rtn. Deepa Bagla	Rs. 1,00,000/-	•	
6. Rtn. Dr. Atindra Nath Sen	Rs. 20,000/-	17. Rtn. Hirak Ray	Rs. 5,000/-
7. From a Well Wisher	Rs. 1,00,000/-	18. Rtn. Tapan Basu	Rs. 25,000/-
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8. Rtn. Niraj Kumar Saraf	Rs. 11,000/-	1 7. KIII. /V.L. LOIIIG	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
9. Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddo	r Rs. 10,000/-	20. Rtn. Shailendra Gupta	Rs. 10,000/-
·		21. Rtn. Dr. Indrajit Roy	Rs. 15,000/-
10. PP. Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal	Rs. 21,000/	211111112111111111111111111111111111111	10,000/

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 9th December, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Meeting at 1.30 p.m.
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 at 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 and adoption of amended Constitution & By Laws of RC Calcutta	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 5004TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2025 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5004th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
- 3. Minutes of the 5003rd Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 18th November, 2025 were confirmed.
- 4. President welcomed Mr. Debashish Sarkar, Retired as the CGM, State Bank of India, Editor Vande Tracks as the Chief Guest on that day.
- 5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.

#### 6. President reported the following:

- a) Club donated four Desktop Computers and Spectacles to an NGO, Mission Mother and Child at the Regular Weekly Meeting on last Tuesday, 18th November, 2025.
- b) Rotary Club of Calcutta participated in Smile Street, a program organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar, celebrating "Joy with Choice for Every Child" held on last Saturday, 22nd Nov 2025 at Lions Safari Park, Southern Avenue, Kolkata. We have donated 140 books in English and Bengali to the children on that day.
- c) Membership and International Committees organised a Zoom meeting presided by Rtn Tom Gump, RID and Chair Rotary International Membership Committee on Sunday, 23rd November,2025. At the request of the President, Rtn. Anusua Das, Chairperson, Membership Committee reported on it.

#### 7. President announced the following:

The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club would be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, 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. The President requested members 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" would be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

- 8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu thereafter conducted the Club Business.
  - a) He welcomed all Members and Guests.
    - a. He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 5th December, 2025. He wished them and also requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects.
    - b. Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Saturday, 6th December, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor). Programme: 'Antakshari' followed by fellowship and dinner. He requested members to kindly make a note of it and attend with their spouse.
  - b) Rotary District 3291 Conference-2026 will be held on 9th,10th, and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Kolkata. Registration Charges per head without food:

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

- c) Hony. Secretary also informed members that there will be a Fellowship Trip to Shantiniketan between 2nd and 4th January, 2026. He requested members to register their names at the Club Office as early as possible.
- 9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty introduced Chief Guest, Mr. Debashish Sarkar.
- 10. At the request of the President, Mr. Debashish Sarkar then addressed the audience.
- 11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
- 12. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Hirak Ray proposed the Vote of Thanks.
- 13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mr. Debashish Sarkar.
- 14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das on that day.
- 15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Nagpur West, India, R.I. Dist 3030
- 16. Meeting was adjourned at 2.35p.m.

#### Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay

President

Ashok Kumar Basu Hony. Secretary