







TUESDAY 07 APRIL 2026
April is Environmental Month

106 The Chaka

Bulletin of Rotary Club of Calcutta
R I Dist 3291
First Published in 1925

Editor : Rtn. Anindita Shoma Basu
Jt. Editor : Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu

Volume 93 No. 33

Rotary Asadharon Samman 2026
জসম্মান
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
Vocational Excellence Award

Organised by
Rotary Sadan
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:00 PM

Vocational Services Committee & Women's Empowerment Committee
Rotary Club of Calcutta, Dist - 3291

Chief Guest

Soma Das Mitra, IPS



Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID, West Bengal.

She has extensive experience across diverse areas of policing. Apart from CID West Bengal, she has worked as DIG Railways, DIG Armed

Police, SP Counter Insurgency Force etc. She is the state nodal officer for Anti human trafficking, Mission Vatsalya and Juvenile justice committee of High Court at Calcutta. Besides her professional career, she is also a trained Rabindra Sangeet singer.

Rotary
Club of Calcutta



**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Project Report : PRANADHARA-II Community Drinking Water Initiative

PRANADHARA-II, implemented under Global Grant No. 2578095, continues Rotary's commitment to ensuring access to safe and purified drinking water for underserved communities. The project has been successfully installed at Joynagar Netaji Sporting Club, Panchla, Ranihat, Howrah — an institution with a rich legacy of over 100 years of community service.



This installation is part of a collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Calcutta, Rotary Club of Colleyville (USA), and Rotary Club of Singapore, reinforcing a strong international partnership. The facility was formally inaugurated on 29 March 2026 at 11:00 AM in the presence of Rotary members and local stakeholders, followed by a community lunch hosted by the local organisation.

Designed for significant community impact, the plant will benefit approximately 3,000 students and staff of Joynagar Pallisree Vidyaniketan (HS), as well as nearly 4,000 residents of Joynagar village. With a capacity of 500 litres per hour, the system uses advanced purification technologies — including TSRF, silver nano-technology, and micro ultrafiltration — to ensure a reliable supply of safe drinking water.



The inauguration ceremony saw the participation of several Rotary leaders and members, including Rtn. Yash Agrawal (Satellite Club of Calcutta Colts), PP Heena Gorsia, PP Dr. Ashoke Basu, Rtn. Kirit Patel, Rtn. Ashok Basu (Honorary Secretary), Rtn. Udit Mitra (Community Service Chairman), Rtn. Sanjib Basu (Public Image Committee), Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal (Co-Chairman, International Projects), Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury



cont. to pg. 2

We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org
E-mail: rccal106@gmail.com

cont. from pg. 1



(Primary Contact and International Projects Chairman), and Mr. Krishan Pada Guichait (Accountant), reflecting strong leadership and engagement.

The Primary Contact extended sincere gratitude to the international partner clubs — Rotary Club of Colleyville (USA), Rotary Club of Portsworth (USA), and Rotary Club of Singapore — for their invaluable support, along with special appreciation to the Club President for enabling the successful execution of this initiative.

PRANADHARA-II represents a meaningful step forward in promoting public health, supporting education, and strengthening Rotary’s enduring commitment to sustainable and impactful community service.

Reported by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Primary Contact and International Projects Chairman

Health Camp at Deepranjani Foundation – 29 March 2026



Pratyasha, a neurodiversity-sensitive multi-specialty clinic run by Deepranjani Foundation in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta, organised a free health check-up camp.

Footfall: Ophthalmology-60 | General Medicine-26 | Dental-12 | Rheumatology-10 | Blood Tests-18 | Psychological Counselling-6 | Speech Therapy-1 | Psychiatry-1 | Special Education-1 | Occupational Therapy-1

Total : 136

Special thanks to Health Committee Chair Rtn. Dr Sukalyan Purakayastha and Co-Chair Rtn. Dr. Parthajit Das

Adult Vaccination Camp at Rotary Sadan - 31 March 2026



This camp was organised by Health Committee post the RWM on 31 March. A total of 11 people received the vaccines of their choice. The information was also circulated to the District and 2 Rotarians from RC Calcutta Sutanuti also received vaccines in the camp. A huge thank you to **Health Committee Chair and Co-Chair Sukalyan and Parthajit!**



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH




BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY




COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT



Unveiling of Plaque



Rtn. NITISH CHANDRA LAHARRY

Venue : Rotary Sadan
18 th April 2026
Time: 5 PM

It gives me great pleasure to announce that for the Rotary Year 2025- 26, the Public Image Committee for the Rotary Club of Calcutta will install a plaque in Rotary Sadan to commemorate the memory and legacy of the first Asian Rotary President Nitish Chandra Laharry. Members are requested to kindly be present at the ceremony for unveiling of the plaque on 18th of April, 2026 at 5 pm in Rotary Sadan prior to the Regular weekly meeting,

Endowment and Fellowship dinner.
Subha Pal, Chair, Public Image Committee

Eye Camp Follow up at RCC Ranihati



We have received the note attached below the RCC Incharge Pralay babu of Ranihati. Update on 10 beneficiaries of RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi and their post operative stage at Susrut Eye Hospital, Kolkata. Thanks to RC Calcutta for enabling them to recover their eye sight that represents our motto to unite for good. Special thanks to Rtn. Debnath da, Rtn. Asoke da and Rtn. Udit da.

Certificates of Completion for Tally Course - 31st March 2026



Certificates of Completion were awarded to 11 participants of the Tally Prime course. The course was conducted from July 2025 to Jan 2026. Students took the Tally exam which was held on 17 March 2026.

Rotary Asadharon Awardees



Ratna Sen

Mrs. Ratna Sen, a Geography graduate and devoted member of the All Bengal Women's Union, has dedicated over 72 years of her life to the welfare of deprived, downtrodden, and traumatized women. Since joining the organization in the early 1950s, she has worked tirelessly to provide emotional support, education, and vocational training, helping countless women rebuild their lives with dignity and independence.

Through initiatives such as in-house skill development programs in block printing, weaving, embroidery, and culinary ventures like Suruchi, she has enabled economic self-reliance among women. Her compassionate approach, patient listening, and unwavering dedication have helped hundreds reintegrate into society with confidence. Mrs. Sen's lifelong service stands as a powerful example of selfless commitment and continues to inspire generations.

Sonali Nandi



Sonali Nandi has emerged as a dedicated and compassionate leader in grassroots community development through her work with IICP. She successfully built and managed a network of 108 district-based organizations across West Bengal, strengthening outreach and impact. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she demonstrated exceptional leadership by ensuring continuity of services, distributing essential supplies to vulnerable families, and maintaining educational programs through online platforms.

As CEO, she has remained deeply connected with persons with disabilities and their families, offering unwavering support and care. Her ability to build strong relationships with donors and stakeholders has ensured sustained support for the organization, making her a rare and inspiring figure driven by commitment rather than personal gain.



Dr. Asim Kumar Sil

Dr. Asim Kumar Sil is a renowned ophthalmologist and expert in community eye health with over three decades of experience serving rural populations in West Bengal. He has been a key figure in conducting population-based surveys on blindness and has contributed extensively to research, training, and global eye health initiatives. Associated with organizations such as WHO, Orbis, and SEVA Foundation, he has trained ophthalmologists across multiple countries and played a vital role in developing training curricula and capacity-building programs.

Aparna Ghosh

Aparna Ghosh's dedication to social service is reflected in her work with the Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association, a century-old organization committed to improving the lives of women facing hardship and adversity. Understanding that society and life can be harsh on these women, the organization provides comprehensive support including educational, vocational, psychological, and residential assistance tailored to individual needs. The focus remains on sustainable development and empowering women to become self-reliant and resilient. The organization also extends care to children and the elderly, ensuring a holistic approach to community welfare. Despite the many challenges, Aparna Ghosh continues to persevere, equipping women with the confidence and skills needed to face life's difficulties with dignity.

Jayati Das

Jayati Das, through the Allergy and Asthma Research Centre in Kolkata, has been instrumental in spreading awareness about the urgent health impacts of pollution and the importance of early detection. Awareness camps conducted under her guidance educate participants about the harmful effects of air, water, and soil pollution on the human body, particularly the lungs, and highlight the risks associated with pollutants such as PM2.5, vehicular emissions, and industrial chemicals. These initiatives are complemented by free medical camps where trained professionals provide consultations and health assessments. A key highlight is the availability of free Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT), a crucial tool for detecting early signs of asthma, COPD, and other pollution-related diseases.

Neelu Kejriwal

Neelu Kejriwal, Secretary of Karmakutir, has led a quiet yet powerful transformation in Kolkata by driving women's empowerment through sustainable livelihoods and reviving traditional crafts with a strong Made in India ethos. Since 2014, her leadership has scaled impact from basic skill-building initiatives to fostering true economic independence among women. Through Karmakutir's crèche initiatives, she has also created safe and nurturing spaces for children of domestic workers, ensuring early education, care, and a pathway to a brighter future. Neelu Kejriwal is not just enabling livelihoods, she is shaping holistic ecosystems where women rise, children thrive, and heritage endures.

Dr. Chinmay Kumar Panda

Dr. Chinmay Kumar Panda, Vice-President of the K K Chatterjee Memorial Association, is a distinguished scientist and cancer researcher with a lifelong commitment to public health. With a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and over 200 publications, his work focuses on molecular genetics of cancer, gene regulation, and early detection strategies. Through his NGO, he promotes awareness about various diseases, conducts screening programs, and works extensively to reduce the burden of cervical cancer among rural women through early diagnosis and follow-up care. His efforts, supported by national and international collaborations, have significantly contributed to improving health awareness and outcomes.

Chittrak Pramanik

Chittrak Pramanik, an electrical engineer by education and a wildlife conservationist by passion, has dedicated his life to protecting wildlife since the age of 11, when he rescued his first animal. Based in Howrah, he has worked tirelessly to rescue and rehabilitate injured animals, including birds, snakes, fishing cats, and other species. Living in a region rich in wetlands, he has focused particularly on conserving the fishing cat, the State Animal of West Bengal, by raising awareness and reducing human-animal conflict. As a founding member of BHANWS and WEST, he has led thousands of successful rescue missions and inspired many young volunteers. His work also involves collaboration with forest authorities to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade, along with conducting awareness programs in educational institutions.

Jasmit Singh Arora

Jasmit Singh Arora, widely recognized as the "Gutli Man of India," is an Ayurvedic doctor and social entrepreneur leading large-scale, citizen-driven environmental movements. He has mobilized over 21 lakh mango seeds globally and distributed more than 8 lakh saplings to farmers, transforming discarded waste into long-term ecological and economic value. His innovative model connects school children, farmers, and communities, creating sustainable income through fruit production and future carbon credits while restoring dignity to agriculture. Through impactful initiatives such as Tree ka Langar and the Carbon Protection Force, his work has received global recognition, including collaborations with United Nations platforms and the USA Mango Board, inspiring people to take a Green Shapath and become Green Sahyogis.

Dr. Soma Goho



Dr. Soma Goho stands as a visionary leader redefining education through innovation, neuroscience, and purpose. As an educator, author, and entrepreneur, she is the Founder and Director of Promise Your Child for a Better Future, an initiative dedicated to nurturing the full potential of young minds. Her brain-based learning approach has transformed early education by focusing on communication, confidence, critical thinking, resilience, empathy, and leadership. Under her guidance, the Promise Centre of Education has become a hub of innovation for children aged 3 to 13. She has also empowered over 150 women educators through mentorship, creating a network of confident facilitators.

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We extend our warm greetings to the Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle, India, RID 3291

REPORTS

- a) The installation under GG project - PRANADHARA-II held on last Sunday, 29th March, 2026. at our RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah.
- b) Health Care Committee organized a Health Check-up camp in association with Deepranjani Foundation on Sunday, 29th March, 2026.
- c) Before the Regular Weekly Meeting on 31st March, 2026, certificates were handed over to the students who completed the Tally Prime course at our Computer Centre, Rotary Sadan.
- d) Health Committee organised a Vaccination camp after the Regular Weekly Meeting at Rotary Sadan on 31st March, 2026.

ANNUAL ENDOWMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Annual Endowment Awards 2026 ceremony will be held on Saturday, 18th March, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) to be followed by dinner. All members are requested to make a note of it and attend with their spouses on that day.

Birthday

Rtn. Usha Agarwala	7th April
Rtn. Mahesh Pansari	9th April
Rtn. Satnam Singh Ahluwalia	10th April
Rtn. Abhyuday Arup Kaushal	14th April
Rtn. Shailendra Kumar Gupta	16th April

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Shiv Ratan Goenka & R- Ann Madhulika	16th April
---	------------

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

TODAY

Vocational Excellence Awards - 2026 "ASADHARON"

ROSTER 2025-26

Members are requested to collect their copy of the Member' Roster for the Rotary year 2025-26 from the Club Office.

NO WEEKLY MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays 14th April and 21st April, 2026.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Date	Day	Programme	Time	Venue	Speaker / Remarks
14th April 2026	Tuesday	No Meeting	—	—	Public Holiday (Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti)
18th April 2026	Saturday	Regular Weekly Meeting and Annual Endowment Awards 2026 ceremony	Meeting 6:00 p.m. followed by Dinner	Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)	—
21st April 2026	Tuesday	No Meeting	—	—	—
28th April 2026	Tuesday	Regular Weekly Meeting	Lunch 12:30 p.m. / Meeting 1:30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)	Speaker : Mrs. Diya Jaiswal

**MINUTES OF THE 5019TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
31st MARCH, 2026 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President, Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5019th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu.
3. Minutes of the 5018th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 24th March, 2026 were confirmed.
4. The President welcomed Mrs. Snigdha Seal, General Manager, Vayu Prana Hyperbaric and Nirogalaya, Oxygen wellness specialist as the Guest Speaker on that day. She would speak on "Oxygen : The New Wellness Mantra & Future of Healing"
5. The President then welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed greetings to their Clubs.
6. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) The installation of Pranadhara under GG project with Rotary Club of Serampore was held on Thursday, 26th March, 2026 at the Mahesh Ramkrishna Ashram Vidyalaya H. S. School, Rishra at 12 noon.
 - b) The installation under GG project - PRANADHARA-II was held on Sunday, 29th March, 2026 at our RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Dist. Howrah. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury and his team for their efforts.
 - c) Health Care Committee organized a Health Check- up camp in association with Deepranjani Foundation on Sunday 29th March, 2026. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Parthajit Das gave a report on it. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns. Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha and Dr Parthajit Das, Chair and Co-Chair of Health Committee for their efforts.
 - d) Before the RWM on 31st March 2026, certificates were handed over to the students who completed the Tally Prime course at our Computer Centre, Rotary Sadan.
7. **President Announced the following :**
 - i) Health Committee has organised a Vaccination Camp on Tuesday, 31st March, 2026 after the meeting at Rotary Sadan for the Members as well as other Club members and their families between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. He requested members to kindly register their names with Mr. Shambhu Dey in the Club office.
 - ii) Vocational Service Committee will hold the "Vocational Excellence Awards-2026" event on Tuesday, 6 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan. He requested members to make a note of it and attend. For further details, please contact Rtn. Shampa Ghose, Chairperson, Vocational Service Committee.
 - iii) On behalf of the Club, President welcomed PP Rtn. Parama Dasgupta, Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle who has been instrumental in facilitating ICU on Wheels project with VOITH CSR. On behalf of the Club. President felicitated PP Rtn. Parama Dasgupta for the same.
8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu conducted the Club business :
 - a) He welcomed all Members, Visiting Rotarians, and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 6th April, 2026. He 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 will be on Tuesday, 7th April, 2026. Meeting 6.00 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) Programme : Vocational Excellence Awards-2026 "ASADHARON" to be followed by fellowship and dinner. He requested members to attend the meeting with their spouses.
 - d) He requested members to collect their members' Roster 2025-26 from the Club Office.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn Indrajit Banerjee introduced Mrs. Snigdha Seal, Guest Speaker on that day.
10. At the request of the President, Mrs. Snigdha Seal addressed the audience.
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
12. Rtn. Surendranath Majumdar gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a Memento to Mrs. Snigdha Seal.
14. No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries, India, RID 3291.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2. 20 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Ashok Kumar Basu
Hony. Secretary