

# INNER VOICE

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## KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-26 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291



A passionate philanthropist, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri has dedicated his life to better health, education, and wellness for all. His journey in Rotary International began in 2006 with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, where he served as President for two consecutive terms (2009-2011). A Level 2 Major Donor, his commitment to service has led to impactful projects that transform lives.

Dr. Homchaudhuri initiated the Transit Trauma Care Project in partnership with Kolkata Police and the Government of West Bengal. The deployment of 12 ambulances across accidentprone areas in Kolkata has saved countless lives by providing immediate emergency care during the Golden Hour. Recognized for his work in Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, Dr. Homchaudhuri has conducted seminars, screening programs, and awareness campaigns across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, and Bangladesh. His goal is to eradicate this 100% preventable genetic disorder through early screening and genetic counseling. His achievements are making a difference in the various spheres of service; for the past three years, Dr. Homchaudhuri has been driving sustainable development in Dhaska, Purulia, alongside Hridham NGO. His contributions include: Providing potable water through pond excavation and water conservation initiatives. Enhancing education for local children, Empowering villagers with income-generating activities to improve livelihoods.

Despite his humanitarian commitments, Dr. Homchaudhuri continues to practice as a highly respected Orthopedic Surgeon. He holds degrees from Gauhati University (MBBS, 1970), Calcutta University (DGO), and Banaras Hindu University (MS – Orthopedics). His expertise, compassion, and dedication make him a trusted name in his field.

Dr. Homchaudhuri is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a renowned pediatrician and fellow Rotarian. She has served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and actively contributes to District 3291 administration. They are proud parents of a doctor daughter and a post-doctoral research scholar son in the USA

#### **KNOW YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT 2025 - 26**



Dr Amit Paul is honoured to be President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and he believes in inclusiveness and participation of all members of club in every project and fellowship.

Dr Amit Paul, an eminent eye surgeon and second-generation Rotarian belongs to the famous 'Paul Family' which is more than 500 years old family of Howrah.

He is now medical director of two Eye Center; one at Howrah and one at Uttarpara and visiting consultant of Better Sight Center, Calcutta. He is life member of All India Ophthalmological Society, Delhi Ophthalmological Society and Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal.

He previously joined Rotary Club of Howrah and was President in the year of 2010. He joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City in the year of 2011 and he was District Secretary of Rotary International District 3291 in recent past. He was Assistant Governor of Rotary International District 3291 also and served as Secretary of Medical Club of Howrah. He was also served as executive committee member of Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal. He was Working President of Subarna Banik Samaj, Calcutta and is Honorary Eye Surgeon of Howrah Police Commissionerate of West Bengal Police.

He was school champion of table tennis and has great interest in golf, swimming, rowing, reading and music. He is member of Calcutta Club, Lake Club and Cricket Association of Bengal.

He is married to Sutapa who is a lawyer practicing at Calcutta High Court and they are blessed with only son Aritra who is first year postgraduate trainee in orthopaedics at KIMS Bhubaneswar.

# MINUTES OF THE $1636^{TH}$ RWM FOLLOWED BY CHARTER NIGHT HELD ON THE $25^{TH}$ OF JUNE AT TOLLYGUNGE CLUB AT 7PM

- 1. President Tunir Chakravarti calls the 1636<sup>th</sup> RWM to order.
- 2. The National Anthem is led by Rtn. Vivek Dutta and Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharjee
- 3. The minutes of the 1635<sup>th</sup> meeting are treated as read and confirmed by the members. Inner Voice is confirmed to have been circulated.
- 4. President informs that this is the last RWM of the RY 2024-25.
- 5. LOA is granted to Rtn. Sudhir Kr. Ahuja, Rtn. Bikramjit Ghosh, Rtn. Rakhee Biswas Gandhi & Rtn. Nilanjan Basu.
- 6. The President informs that
  - a. Cervical Cancer Vaccination was administered to 8 girl-children of sex workers with 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2 girls with 2<sup>nd</sup> dose on 7<sup>th</sup> June.
  - b. On 11<sup>th</sup> June, International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2025 was observed by our club at Brotochari Vidyashram, Joka in association with Rangamala Memorial Development Initiative. A workshop on School Mental Health Development was held. Students were also given counselling sessions as part of the program.
  - c. A breakfast fellowship was held at Ramanee Restaurant. 22 members and spouses participated in the fellowship.
- 7. The President informs that during the RY 2024-25, contribution to the Rotary Foundation was made by the following members:
  - Rtn. Debasis Dutta \$1000. He may donate \$1000 more.
  - Rtn. Noshir Framjee He was the first one to donate \$500. Thereafter, \$100.
  - Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury \$500.
  - Rtn. Tunir Chakravarti \$500.
  - Rtn. Amita Saha \$500.
  - Rtn. Sukanya Dasgupta \$300.
  - Rtn. Brinda Mukherjee \$100.

PDG Nayantara enquires whether District will match this contribution. President confirms same

- 8. The President announces that the Installation program along with RWM will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 from 12 noon at Veedol Hall, Tollygunge Club.
- 9. Secretary conducts club business.
- 10. 30 Members and spouses are present.
- 11. Sunshine Box Collection Rs 950/-
- 12. The President concludes the meeting with thanks to all members.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City celebrated Charter Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at the Veedol Hall at the Tollygunge Club. Members and their spouses participated in what turned out to be an amazing night of fusion music and merriment.

President Tunir Chakravarti welcomed everyone to the last event of the Rotary Year 2024-25. He thanked the Charter Members, his Board, Past Presidents and Members for their support during his tenure of the presidency. He extended his warm wishes to the President Elect Dr. Amit Paul for a successful stint for the year 2025 – 26. Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul also extended heartiest congratulations for a very successful Rotary year of Rtn Tunir Chakravarti. Personalised gifts were handed over by President Tunir Chakravarti to each member. This was followed by a cake cutting ceremony by the Charter members as well as another cake cut by the members who celebrated their birthdays in June.





This was followed by an excellent night of fusion music by Shibaprasad & Co. They provided foot tapping music which set the floor alight and members joined in the singing and the dancing. Our members Dr. Vivek Dutta and Mr. Pronobendra Nath Moitra joined in showcasing their amazing musical talent.



CHARTER NIGHT 25<sup>TH</sup> June 2025









ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INNER CITY







We started the Rotary year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July by participating in the District Blood Donation Camp at Rotary Sadan at 9 am. Our Club is co-sponsoring the event.

Members participated in the programme and our members donated blood. Special mention to Paromita, daughter of Rtn. Pronobendra Maitra who donated blood

Doctors Day and CA Day was celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2025 in association of Rotary Club of Calcutta at Rotary Sadan. The Programme included a friendly debate between the Doctors' and the CA's with the motion being – "In today's world the medical bill is more important than the diagnosis"

The debate was followed by a musical evening, a "shrutinatak" and a delicious dinner













The Debate was moderated by our member Rtn Pradeep Gooptu who presided over the friendly banter between the two sides. After the lively debate, the moderator requested the show of hands as per the norms of the debate. The doctors carried the day speaking against the motion.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we started conducted free distribution of expensive medicines for Thalassemia affected children. **11.00 am** - The first project in memory of our late member Rtn Ashish Mitra was sponsored by his daughter Sharmistha. 40 vials of Desirox 500 were distributed to 40 patients at Peoples Medicare Foundation Thalassemia at 6 Basanta Bose Road, Kolkata 700026.

**12.30pm** – We donated medicines to 100 patients at Thalassemia Society of India at 16 Bankim Mukherjee Sarani, Kolkata 700053





















# Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

### **Our Warmest Anniversary Greetings**

### **Our Heartfelt Birthday Greetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> July Rtn. Dr. Debasis & Dr. Sujata Datta 3<sup>rd</sup> July Rtn. Krishna Kumar Moody & Babita 17<sup>th</sup> July Rtn. Sanjeeb Ghosh and Shilpi Ghosh 26<sup>th</sup> July Rtn. Dr. Vivek and Alakananda Datta 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Rtn Suvendu Chunder 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Rtn Orijit Chatterjee 31<sup>st</sup> July – Rtn Bikramjit Ghosh

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