

The "Art for a Cause of Thalassemia" was an excellently curated and presented program. Rakhee did a terrific job of MC-ing, Brinda soldiered on at the reception desk and our President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul's address to the assembly on the challenges and tragedy of thalassemia was truly passionate and heartfelt! It was very heartening to note the presence of such a large number of District dignitaries with the DG himself taking an active part in the event, and Calcutta club committee members gracing the occasion.

It was impressive to see Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Goswami supervising every detail of the program.

It was also heartening to note the presence of 3 guests who hopefully will soon become members of the Inner City Family.

The enthusiasm and speed at which many of Sarmishta's wonderful works of art found new homes was indeed an appropriate and accurate barometer of the success of the Event.

The most important person at the program was it's star Sarmishta Goswami, without whom yesterday would not have happened and many future beneficiaries of her selfless display of goodness, would have gone untreated.

It's truly heartwarming to see such awesome examples of giving and caring which exemplifies what Rotary and Inner City stands for.

A big shout out to and thank you Sarmishta and Rtn. Pradeep Goswami and our President and all members involved in putting "Art for a Cause of Thalassemia" together on behalf of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City.





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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INNER CITY

1649th RWM Minutes held on 20-02-2026
Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City
20th February 2026 Calcutta Club, 2.30pm Kolkata

1. Minutes of the 1648th meeting taken as confirmed
2. Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharya led the National anthem
3. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul thanked Anne Sarmishta Goswami, whose 31 paintings were displayed at the AC Hall Calcutta Club and Rtn. Pradeep Goswami for curating and putting together the “Art for a cause of Thalassemia” exhibition, the proceeds of which would be donated to the Club Trust for utilization in treating thalassemia patients.
4. The President announced that 3 guests were present Vibhav Tandon (2nd meeting), Dr. Sujoy Roychowdhury (a renowned doctor and Professor of Medicine, formerly a member of Rotary Club of Calcutta) and Mr. Abhishek Dutta (a 4th generation advocate). Dr. Roychowdhury and Mr. Dutta gave a small introduction about themselves. Both expressed their desire to be a part of Rotary Club of Calcutta - Inner City.
5. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul and Executive Secretary Rtn. Rtesh Kapoor inaugurated a ladies’ toilet in Dasnagar Howrah for lady constables and visitors, which will benefit over 100 lady constables and visitors per day.
6. President announced that the next RWM will on the 28th of February followed by a Fellowship in Shantiniketan and there will be a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Bholpur Rangamathi (district 3240).
7. There will be a project on the 1st of March 2026 where the Club will present school materials to the Tribal school of Elambazar, for 70 children of classes 1-5.
8. The sunshine box collection was Rs. 850, the number of members present 11, the number of district dignitaries and guests were 15.
9. The Club was honoured with the presence of the DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, and the First Lady, former RI Director Anirudha Roychowdhury, DG Elect – Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya, District Governor nominee designate Brotindro Mullick, and Former RI Director Anirudha Roychowdhury and other senior Rotary functionaries.
10. The President declared the meeting closed.

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Birthdays in March

Our Heartfelt Birthday Greetings

10th March – Rtn Pradeep Gooptu
10th March – Rtn Mahesh Keyal
25th March – Rtn Alokanda Roy

Message from our District Governor

Rotary International – 23rd February 1905

23rd February — Our Birthday.

Not merely the birth of an organisation, but the birth of an idea.
In 1905, the world stood restless.

Nations were arming. Industrial winds were rising. Social justice movements were simmering — in distant lands, leaders like Vladimir Lenin were dreaming of redistribution and equality. The world was preparing for upheaval.

And in a modest office in Chicago, an attorney named Paul Harris, with three friends, planted a seed.

Not of politics.

Not of religion.

Not of revolution. But of ethical fellowship and service above self.

From four members to more than a million across continents — what was so magnetic?

A non-political, non-religious platform. A fellowship of like-minded professionals.

A belief that character and ethics matter. A conviction that service is the highest expression of humanity.

Brick by brick, club by club, district by district — a formidable structure arose. Not of cement and steel, but of trust and values.

You, as a Rotarian, are not just part of an organisation.

You are a custodian of a 120-year-old ethical experiment in humanity.

As someone who believes in strengthening membership, opening Rotary to society, and making our health initiatives meaningful — this day reminds us: Rotary grows when we grow inwardly.

Let us renew our pledge:

Service Above Self is not a slogan. It is a way of life.

Happy Birthday to Rotary.

Happy Birthday to each one of us.

