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BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MILLENNIUM • RI DISTRICT 3291

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Rotary
 Calcutta Millennium
 
PRESENTING THE TEAM FOR RY 2025-26
 FOLLOWED BY


at

Calcutta Cosmopolitan Club Limited
JULY 29, 2025 | 5PM
PROGRAM SCHEDULE
National Anthem
Welcome and Felicitation of Dignitaries
Installation of President 2025-26
Introduction of New Board
Induction Ceremony of New Members
Induction Talk
Release of Club Bulletin
Club Business
The Adda Session
Vote of Thanks
Fellowship and Hi-Tea

From the President's Desk



I am honored to begin my second term as President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium with gratitude and enthusiasm. Thank you for your trust; I am committed to leading with purpose, unity, and Service Above Self. Last year, we accomplished meaningful projects, strengthened our fellowship, and expanded our community reach through the dedication of our members and the support of Rotary District 3291. Special thanks to Immediate Past District Governor Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta for his visionary leadership.

As we start this new year, my focus will be on building stronger community partnerships, engaging members, empowering youth, and sustainable projects. Continuity in leadership allows us to deepen initiatives and increase our impact.

With your support and guidance from District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhary, I am confident we will make this year even more impactful. Together, let us turn every challenge into an

opportunity to serve, every project into a legacy, and every act of kindness into a ripple of lasting change.

Let's embrace this year with open hearts, willing hands, and a shared vision for a better world.

Sanghamitra Shah

President, 2025-26

Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium

District Governor's Message

Dear Rotarians,

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium.

A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately and lead inclusively, ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and

change in your community.

Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and, most importantly, listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.

Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,
Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhury
District Governor
2025-26



IPDG's Message

Dear President RY 2025-2026 Rtn Sanghamitra Shah

Hearty congratulations on assuming office as the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium for the Rotary Year 2025 – 2026 with Rotary International President **Rtn Francesco Arezzo** at the helm, taking over from the second-ever lady President of Rotary International Rtn Stephanie A Urchick. A joyous moment indeed!!

Being 'people of action', we all are essentially in Rotary for hands-on service. I am sure that you will take up both meaningful and sustainable projects based on the seven 'Areas of Focus', in addition to stressing upon the three very important verticals, namely, Membership, Public Image, and The Rotary Foundation.

I am positive that you and your vibrant team will support our very able, focused hardworking District Governor **Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhury** throughout the Rotary Year, and "Unite for Good" continuing to serve to change lives in and around our community, imagine Rotary the way you have never done

before, and continue making a difference, being an inspiration to connect and open opportunities for others, and very importantly, keep weaving "The Magic of Rotary"!!



It will be my unique pleasure to work with you and the members of your club in the coming year with the common goal of serving humanity.

I sincerely thank you and your vibrant members very much indeed for your valuable support and active participation in the RY 2024 – 2025.

Dr. Simran joins me in wishing you and your esteemed members all the very best for a super successful RY 2025 - 2026.

Kind regards.
Yours-in-Rotary

Dr. Krishnendu Gupta
District Governor, 2024–2025
Rotary International District 3291

DGE's Message

*D*ear Rtn Sanghamitra Shah

At the outset, allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations on assuming the esteemed office of President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium. Your leadership of this distinguished club heralds a promising chapter of unity and service, bringing together dedicated Rotarians and visionary community leaders to foster meaningful change.

I am confident that, under your thoughtful stewardship, the club will continue to advance Rotary's mission and principles - transforming aspirations into impactful action and lighting the way toward a better world.

As part of our global fellowship of 1.2 million members who share an unwavering commitment to humanitarian service, you now stand poised to catalyze lasting change. Your tenure will offer countless opportunities to uplift communities, nurture personal



and professional growth and forge enduring friendships. By collaborating across diverse experiences and harnessing our collective expertise, we amplify our capacity to confront social, economic, and environmental challenges in innovative ways. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium, with its exemplary record and vibrant membership, is well-positioned to be a beacon of such progress.

I extend my warm regards to each of your members and wish you all continued success as you embark on this Rotary journey. May your leadership inspire happiness, resilience and hope in the lives you touch.

With warmest Rotary greetings,
Yours in Rotary,

Tapas Bhattacharya

District Governor 2026-27

Rotary International, District 3291

DGN's Message



*D*ear Sanghamitra Shah

Warmest congratulations on your installation as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium, for the Rotary Year 2025-26. This is a moment of pride and promise! not only for you as a leader, but also for the club as it welcomes a new chapter guided by your energy, wisdom, and commitment.

This marks not just a new leadership term but a meaningful step forward in your Rotary journey! a journey defined by dedication, compassion, and a deep-rooted belief in service above self.

Your assumption of this role comes with the power to shape direction, build momentum, and inspire change. With your calm strength, thoughtful vision, and inclusive approach, I am

certain the club will flourish in the coming year, reaching new heights in both impact and camaraderie.

Rotary leadership is as much about empathy as it is about execution. It is about rallying others to serve, to connect, and to grow together. I am confident that under your leadership, RC Calcutta Millennium will continue to uphold its values while paving the way for new ideas and meaningful community partnerships.

Wishing you and your team a remarkable, fulfilling, and successful Rotary year filled with purpose, progress and pride.

Thanking You,
Warm Regards,
Purnendu Roychowdhury

DGN 2025-2026

Rotary International District 3291

The Mentor Shares his Wisdom

*M*y fellow adventurers!

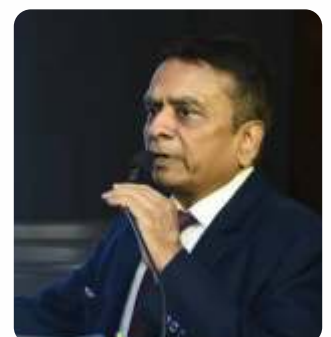
As we navigate the roads to Rotary, many experiences lie in wait, and though the way isn't always easy, we find that indeed the more difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations.

While welcoming our new team for 2025-2026 I am confident that with unity of purpose, commitment to the cause and adherence to the ideals of Rotary, the club will stand shoulder to shoulder and gain a new momentum.

Best wishes to Sanghamitra, Sunita and their wonderful colleagues on the path of adventure and fulfilment.

PDG Jay Agarwal

Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium, RID 3291



Projects

COTS - Club Officers' Training



16 | Club Service Projects



6 | Community Service Projects



5

New Generation Service Projects



3

International Service Flag Exchanges



1

Public Image Initiative



6 Guest Speaker Sessions



1 Vocational Training Project

New Member Spotlight – RAJARSHI MITRA



Rajarshi Mitra has spent nearly a decade making sense of the chaos that is Web3, decentralized tech, and AI. With a knack for narrative and a background in content strategy and digital marketing, he's worked with giants like Binance, Maker DAO, and Coin Smart, crafting stories that moved and raised millions.

When he's not decoding the future of tech, you'll probably find him grappling on the mats (Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & Muay Thai), experimenting with complex

recipes no one asked for, lost in a book, playing with his cat, or trying to watch every sport on the planet. He shares most of life's adventures, and a fair bit of friendly banter, with his wife, Subarna Biswas.

Rajarshi joined Rotary because he believes in making real connections and doing work that actually matters.

Welcome to the club, Rajarshi!

Know Your President – SANGHAMITRA SHAH

Sanghamitra Shah is an accomplished entrepreneur with over 35 years of expertise in advertising and branding. As the founder and CSO of Sketch Advertising, she has helped numerous companies elevate their presence across sectors such as Real Estate, Education, Automobile, Healthcare, and Hospitality. She holds a Science degree and has completed Diploma courses in Filmmaking & Digital Marketing. Sanghamitra is also a National Trainer in communication for NTPC and a mentor to aspiring students of communication.

As a single parent, she has raised her son, Sreshth, who is now a senior sports journalist with ESPN and an avid quizzer and quiz master, with nationwide repute. An avid music lover, she is formally trained in classical music and Rabindra Sangeet. Sanghamitra is also adventurous at heart. She is a passionate wild-life enthusiast and a petrol head in love with motor sports.



Know your Secretary – SUNITA SHAH



FCS Sunita Shah is a qualified Company Secretary and a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) since 2010. She holds degrees in Commerce (B.Com Hons. and M.Com) and Law (LL.B) from the University of Calcutta.

With nearly fifteen years of professional experience, her sphere of work spans corporate law, compliance, governance, and regulatory affairs. She has held senior roles in both listed and unlisted companies, including Bengal Tea & Fabrics Ltd. and VCK Capital Market Services Ltd. She currently serves as the Company Secretary of Anmol Industries Ltd., one of India's top five biscuit brands.

An active member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium, she has served as Treasurer of the Club, amongst other roles, and continues to contribute enthusiastically to the Club's projects, fellowship and community initiatives. Her dedication, professional excellence, and commitment to Service Above Self make her an extremely valued and respected member of the Rotary community.



Editorial: Unite for Good – Our Journey Together



Dear Fellow Rotarians of Calcutta Millennium,

As your Joint Secretary & Editor for the Rotary year 2025-26, I feel privileged to pen this message at the dawn of a year filled with purpose, promise, and unity. Our guiding theme - “**Unite for Good**” - is more than a call to action; it is a reflection that India’s enduring philosophy of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**” - the world is one family - is not just a mantra, but a way of life.

In a country as diverse as ours, unity is not merely an ideal, it is our daily triumph. Rotary too, draws strength from this principle - bringing together people from varied backgrounds, professions, and beliefs, all working toward a singular goal: to serve humanity with compassion and resolve.

This year, our club renews its commitment to projects that heal, uplift, and inspire. As we walk this path together, let us also amplify Rotary’s most iconic global mission - End Polio Now. While the world came close to eradicating this devastating disease, recent reports of resurging polio cases

in certain regions remind us that the battle is not yet over. This resurgence is a stark warning against complacency and a call for renewed vigilance. The journey to end polio has been one of Rotary’s greatest acts of unity and perseverance- and now, more than ever, our voices, our efforts, and our contributions matter. Together, we need to rise to the moment, reignite our commitment, and help close this chapter in history, once and for all.

Let this Rotary year be remembered as one where the Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium truly embodied what it means to unite for good - building bridges, creating impact, and lighting the way to a more inclusive, peaceful, and compassionate world for generations to come.

Here’s to a year of purpose, partnership and people coming together - for good.

In Rotary Service,

Dave Banerjee

Joint Secretary & Editor, RY 2025–26
Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium

Rotary’s Mission to Eradicate Thalassemia : CHECK THE T

PP Ananda Basu

Zonal Secretary, District 3291 &
Club Treasurer, RY 2025–26

Thalassemia is a preventable but serious genetic blood disorder that continues to affect thousands across India and the globe. Recognising the urgency of early detection and education, Rotary International District 3291, under the leadership of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, has launched a focused campaign titled “Check the T” - a clarion call to encourage Thalassemia screening, especially among young adults and prospective parents. The goal is simple yet powerful : to strike off Thalassemia from our society through early detection and informed choices.

“With awareness, screening, and responsible decisions, we can ensure no child is born with this preventable disorder. ‘Check the T’ is our battle cry, to educate widely, detect early and act decisively...” says DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

In alignment with this District-wide initiative, the Rotary

Club of Calcutta Millennium is planning to partner with local diagnostic centres to organise free Thalassemia screening camps for college students, alongside awareness seminars conducted by leading medical professionals. The objective is to promote early testing, especially among youth, and build an informed generation that can make responsible health decisions. The Club believes that community health initiatives like these are a vital extension of Rotary’s motto-Service Above Self- and that such proactive measures can have a lasting impact on public health.

Rotary’s “Check the T” campaign is more than a slogan-it is a movement of hope, science, and social commitment.

As DG Ramendu aptly puts it, “The future is ours to shape. And with creating awareness and each test we encourage, we move one step closer to striking off Thalassemia from our communities - forever.”



CLUB OFFICERS FOR RY 2025-26



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PP RAJIV CHAMARIA
VICE PRESIDENT



SUNITA SHAH
SECRETARY



PP ANANDA BASU
ZONAL SECRETARY,
District 3291 & Club Treasurer,
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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



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ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR



PRADYUMNA CHOUDHURY
ASSISTANT TREASURER



AKSHARA GUPTA
PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR



PP DEBJANI CHOUDHURY
SERVICE PROJECTS CHAIR



ANIL AGARWAL
SERGEANT AT ARMS



SATAKSHI SENGUPTA
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Birthday Calendar

DATE	BIRTHDAY
15th August	SANJAY GUPTA
29th August	AKSHARA GUPTA
5th September	RIJU CHAMARIA
21st September	ANANDA BASU
30th September	RASHMI AGARWAL

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

- I. Is it the **TRUTH**?
- II. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- III. Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- IV. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?