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President : Rtn. Tapas Kumar Seal

Secretary : Rtn. Rathi Samadder

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## Message from R.I. President



Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message: Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met — there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio, and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace—Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends... take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good — for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

With gratitude and affection,

**Francesco Arezzo**

President, Rotary International, 2025-26

## Installation Message from the District Governor



Dear President Rtn. Tapas Kr. Seal,

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

District Governor, RID 3291

Rotary Year 2025–26

## Message From District Governor 2026-27



Dear Rtn Tapas Kumar Seal,

At the outset, congratulations on becoming President of the vibrant Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle. Your leadership team has an incredible opportunity to unite members and community partners in service, transforming lives and uplifting those in need. I also wish to acknowledge Rtn Sraboni Chattopadhyay and her team for their outstanding dedication this past year. Their achievements have set a high bar, and I know your tenure will build upon that strong foundation.

Cultivating a Dynamic Club Culture > Members' experience shapes the heart of our club. To create an environment where people feel valued and empowered: \*Request feedback regularly and respond to it, \* Host diverse programs that reflect our community's interests, \*Encourage members to lead committees that match their talents.

Engaging and Empowering Members > Sustained engagement comes when people see their impact and feel ownership : \*Offer project roles aligned with individual skills and passions, \*Recognize contributions in meetings and newsletters, \*Provide mentorship and clear paths for new members.

Elevating Our Impact > Well-organized, meaningful service builds our reputation and drives lasting change: \*Plan a balanced calendar of service projects and fundraising events, \*Partner with local leaders to identify high-need areas, \*Measure outcomes and share success stories broadly.

Strengthening Communication : \*Transparent, two-way communication keeps everyone invested, \*Send concise updates on club activities and decisions, \*Hold open forums for idea-sharing and discussion, \*Adjust processes based on member input to maintain a healthy pace of change.

Wishing you a remarkable Rotary Year 2025-26, filled with fellowship, innovation, and significant community impact. I look forward to supporting you and celebrating your successes.

With warm regards,

Yours in Rotary,

**Tapas Bhattacharya**

District Governor 2026-27

## Message From District Governor 2027-28



Dear President Rtn. Tapas Kr. Seal,

A new Rotary year begins with fresh aspirations, and your assumption of leadership as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle marks a significant moment in that journey. Congratulations on stepping into this meaningful role.

Your club has long been known for its quiet strength and deep-rooted community presence. With you guiding the path ahead, I am confident that this year will not only uphold that legacy but also open new doors for thoughtful service and inclusive growth.

Rotary isn't merely about action — it is about understanding where help is needed most and offering it with humility and grace. I believe your leadership will reflect just that. May your tenure be marked by steady progress, heartfelt collaboration, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Wishing you and your team a fulfilling and inspiring Rotary year.

Thanking You,  
Warm Regards,

**Purnendu Roychowdhury**  
DGN 2025-2026

## Message from President



Dear Club Members,

I am truly privileged and proud to have the opportunity to serve our society as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle for the Rotary Year 2025-26.

I am deeply indebted to all five Past Presidents of our club. Their hard work and unwavering desire to serve have laid the strong foundation of our club upon

which the ceremonious proceedings of **SAPTAPADI** are set to happen.

While our commitment to serving society under Rotary's Seven Focus Areas will continue, this year, we have a special aim to make a significant and impactful effort towards eradication of Thalassemia from our Mother Earth.

I strongly believe that the unity of 3H (HEAD, HAND & HEART) is of utmost importance to achieve any goal. We begin this year in Rotary with a clear message : Unite for Good, so friends and fellow Rotarians, let us "Unite for Good" and have a wonderful and eventful Rotary Year 2025-26.

I wish you all peace, happiness, and good health.

**Tapas Kumar Seal**

Club President (2025 - 26)

## From IPP's Desk

We began Rotary year 2024-25 with the theme to create the "Magic of Rotary". Inspired by this, our team worked together throughout the year to fulfil this mission by executing some meaningful projects. We sincerely aimed to cover all Seven Areas of Focus in Rotary to ensure an impactful, memorable, enjoyable, and magical year.

I extend my sincere gratitude to my District Governor for 2024-25, Rtn. AKS Dr. Krishendu Gupta, for his invaluable inspiration and support. I am also very grateful to the District team for their continuous guidance.

I truly believe that our members enjoyed 2024-25 as a team and will cherish the memories we created together. Thank you, my dear friends, for having faith in me and giving me the opportunity to serve our beloved club.

Now, it is time to welcome our new President and my very good friend, Rtn. Tapas Kr Seal, who will lead us in creating another milestone as President for 2025-26. I strongly believe that the new team, under the able leadership of Rtn. Tapas, will work diligently with the Rotary Mission "Unite for Good."

I wish him all the best from the core of my heart.

**Rtn. Srabani Chattopadhyay**

Club President (2024 - 25)



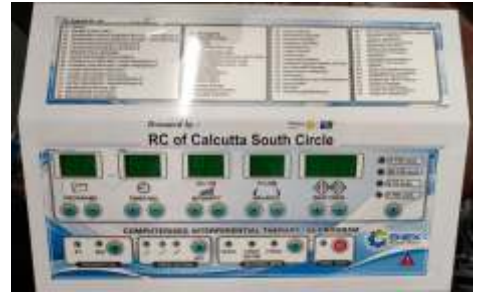
# CLUB ACTIVITIES (2025 - 26)



## Blood Donation Camp at Rotary Sadan & felicitating Doctors at Institute of Child Health

Club's first activity for the year started with participating at the District's blood donation drive by co-hosting the event. Three from our club also donated blood for the good cause.

Being doctor's day, we visited the Paediatric Nephrology department at ICH, Kolkata and presented our token of appreciation to the doctors. We had discussed with their HOD about our upcoming Project.



## Donation of IFT Machine & Doctor Felicitation along with Thalassemia & Cervical Cancer Awareness

Our club has executed its first service project in collaboration with Dignity Foundation, an organization dedicated to senior citizens. We organized a Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer awareness campaign and donated one Interferential Therapy (IFT) machine for physiotherapy to their charitable public dispensary.

The event was attended by 11 senior, well respected doctors, whom we had the honour of felicitating on the special occasion of Doctor's Day.



## Fellowship - Thanks Giving by IPP

Our immediate past president organized a cozy and wonderful get-together, which we truly enjoyed. Our club will continue such fellowship programs as we strongly believe such inter personal bonding greatly help in building a great team.



## Participation in RLI Part 1 & Part 2

Two members from the club successfully participated in the above program and are now gearing up for the final part.



## Our Plan in RY 2025-26

- ◆ Road Show
- ◆ Rally(Cycle/car/bike)
- ◆ Awareness & Screening
- ◆ Felicitation to Thalassemia Warriors - Hematologist and team, NGO/Society
- ◆ Visit to Thalassemia Ward of Hospitals
- ◆ Recognizing Thalassemia Survivors and their life story to common people
- ◆ Helps in treatment of Thalassemia Patients.



### Economic upliftment of rural women by distribution of 10 Motorised Sewing Machine

It's a continuous project of our club. With the help of a grant received from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust, we distributed sewing machines to few women who have learnt sewing from our Stitching Centre at our Interact, Kalahrdaya, Nepalgunj. The event was graced by EIRWT Trustee PDG Rajani Mukerji.

### Upcoming Projects in next 2 months

- 1) Donation of Emergency Stretcher on Trolley to Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute.
- 2) Donation of Computers to "Antyodoy Anath Ashram", Paushi, East Medinipur.
- 3) Distribution of mosquito nets to prevent Dengue and Malaria under District Initiative.
- 4) Starting of project of ECHHEPURON – scholarship scheme to needy meritorious students.
- 5) At lease three Thalassemia Awareness programs in schools and other Institutes, covering at least 300 students.

## Club Office Bearers (RY 2025-26)

- **President** RTN. TAPAS KUMAR SEAL
- **Secretary** RTN. RATHI SAMADDER
- **Exe. Secretary** RTN. AMRITA PAUL
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RTN. CHANDRIMA BASU (CO-CHAIR)
  - b. **Membership** RTN. SRABANI CHATTOPADHYAY
  - c. **Public Image** RTN. SUPRIYO PAUL
  - d. **Service Project** RTN. PARAMA DASGUPTA (NM)  
RTN. PAMPA ROY (CO-CHAIR – NM)  
RTN. DR SARMISTHA SINHA (MED)  
RTN. DR MADHUSREE SENGUPTA (CO-CHAIR-MED)
  - e. **TRF** RTN. PROSENJIT GUPTA
- **Club Learning Facilitator** RTN. SUKHENDU KUMAR BASU
- **Chair Thalassemia** RTN. RATHI SAMADDER