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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSE



-The Message

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February is Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month

Projects

Mental Health Support through Inclusive Sports



As a compassionate initiative to support mental health and emotional rehabilitation, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe organized a sports event on **1st January 2026** for patients suffering from acute mental disorders at **SEVAC Mental Hospital**. The program was designed to provide a safe, joyful, and inclusive environment

where patients could actively participate in simple sports and recreational activities. Through participation, encouragement, and interaction with Rotary members, the patients experienced moments of happiness, social bonding, and emotional connection. The event helped rebuild self-confidence, reduce feelings of isolation, and reinforce the belief that mental illness does not diminish human dignity or ability. The initiative reflected Rotary's belief in holistic healing—addressing emotional and psychological well-being alongside medical treatment.

Desk Calendar Distribution for Clean Water Awareness & Rotary Public Image



As part of its Public Image Creation initiative, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe undertook an awareness activity by distributing Desk Calendars among individuals and community members on **3rd January 2026**. These calendars carried important messages highlighting the harmful effects of

consuming contaminated water and emphasizing the importance of safe and clean drinking water for a healthy life. Distributed under the banner of the

Rotary Club, the calendars served a dual purpose—spreading vital public health awareness while consistently showcasing Rotary's commitment to community well-being throughout the year. By remaining visible on work desks and in homes, the calendars act as a daily reminder of Rotary's service efforts and reinforce a positive public image of Rotary as an organization dedicated to prevention, education, and sustainable community development, particularly in the area of water, sanitation and hygiene.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe marks a Record Presence at the District Conference 2026 “RAMDHANU”



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe proudly created history with a record participation of 15 club members at the District Conference held from 10th to 11th January 2026 at the Nicco Park East Pavilion. This remarkable turnout reflects the club's unwavering commitment to Rotary ideals, fellowship, and active engagement at the district level. The conference was a vibrant confluence of learning, inspiration, and camaraderie, offering enriching sessions, insightful discussions, and opportunities to connect with fellow Rotarians from across the district. The enthusiastic participation of our members added to the spirit of the event and showcased

the unity and strength of Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe. The members who proudly represented the club at this prestigious event are :

Rtn. Suchitra Ghose, Rtn. Dr. Sainik Bhowmick, Rtn. Susmita Sarkar, Rtn. Aritra Paul Sengupta, Rtn. Nitin Agarwal, Rtn. Moumita Purkait, Rtn. Pratyay Das, Rtn. Shanti Ranjan Paul, Rtn. Ashmita Dey, Rtn. Soumitra Chakraborty, Rtn. Pradyot Biswas, Rtn. Vikas Varshneya, Rtn. Dr. Tapan Pal, Rtn. Tapan Kumar Mallick, Rtn. Divya Kumar Archarya.

Their presence not only strengthened the club's visibility but also reaffirmed its dedication to “Service Above Self.” The experience gained and the ideas exchanged during the conference will undoubtedly inspire greater initiatives and impactful service projects in the days ahead. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe extends heartfelt appreciation to all participating members for making this achievement possible. Together, we continue to grow, serve, and set new benchmarks in Rotary fellowship and service.

Warmth for the Forgotten Elderly : Blanket Distribution



The project focussed on providing blankets to aged, impoverished residents of the slum area of Lake Gardens who have been abandoned by their families and have no one to care for them. Through this compassionate winter relief initiative, the Club sought to offer not only physical warmth during the harsh cold season but also emotional comfort, dignity, and a sense of belonging to senior citizens who are often neglected by society. The distribution symbolized humanity's commitment to stand beside the most vulnerable and reaffirmed that no one is forgotten or left uncared for. The blanket distribution was done on 17th January 2026 in the Slum Areas of Kalighat and Lake Gardens.

Eye Check-up Camp for Youths



An Eye Check-up Camp was organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe at the Health Centre of Dream Institute of Technology, Samali, South 24 Parganas, on 20th January 2026, for the youths of South 24 Parganas. The eye examinations were conducted free of cost by Renuka Eye Institute, Amtala. A total of 30 youths underwent comprehensive eye check-ups during the camp. Those who required spectacles were provided with them at a very nominal cost, based on their individual choice of frames and lenses. The camp aimed to promote eye health awareness among the youth and ensure early detection and correction of vision-related issues, contributing meaningfully to community well-being.

Clothing Support for Elderly and Underprivileged Villagers



This humanitarian project involved the identification of elderly and poor individuals within the village who were unable to afford basic clothing. New and good-quality garments suitable for daily use were procured and distributed directly to beneficiaries. Volunteers ensured respectful interaction, proper sizing, and equitable distribution. The initiative emphasized compassion, dignity and community solidarity while addressing an immediate and critical need. The Project took place on 21st January 2026 at Nandabhang.

Distribution of Blood Credit Cards for Thalassemia Patients



Thalassemia is a chronic blood disorder requiring lifelong, regular blood transfusions. Many families in economically weaker communities in Nandabhang, struggle to arrange blood repeatedly, leading to treatment delays and serious health risks. This project on 21st January 2026 focuses on identifying Thalassemia-affected

children from Nandabhang and distributing Blood Credit Cards of one year validity to their parents in coordination with Kothari Blood Bank. The cards ensure priority access to screened blood, streamline transfusion procedures, and reduce dependency on emergency arrangements.

Distribution of Study Materials



This project focuses on providing study materials to poor and needy children of Nandabhaban on 21st January 2026 to strengthen their foundation in education. The distribution includes copies (notebooks), pencils, and pens, which are basic yet crucial requirements for regular classroom learning. By ensuring that children have access to these essentials, the project supports their academic engagement, boosts confidence, and motivates them to attend school regularly. The initiative also spreads awareness among parents and the community about the importance of education and literacy in breaking the cycle of poverty.

SARASWATI PUJA CELEBRATION



Saraswati Puja was reverently celebrated at Anirban Pathbhaban at Sehai on 23rd January 2026, marking a meaningful occasion dedicated to the worship of Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of knowledge, wisdom, and learning. The celebration saw enthusiastic participation from the little students of Nursery to Standard V, who offered prayers with devotion and joy. The event beautifully reinforced the values of basic education and literacy, nurturing respect for learning from an early age. The serene and festive atmosphere inspired young minds, highlighting the institution's commitment to holistic education and cultural values.

Blood Donation Initiative for Thalassemia Patients



A Blood Donation Camp was organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe on 25th January 2026 at Nandabhang to support Thalassemia patients. The camp was conducted in association with Nandabhang Nivedita Rural Welfare Organisation, with Ashok Blood Centre as the blood collecting partner. The initiative received an encouraging response from the local community, with around 60 villagers voluntarily donating blood for the benefit of Thalassemia patients.

77th REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on 26th January 2026 at Anirban Pathbhaban, Sehai. The celebration began with the hoisting of the National Flag, which was conducted in the presence of the school children from Nursery to Standard V. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and unity. The program concluded on a joyful note with the distribution of sweets among the children, bringing smiles and a sense of celebration to all present.

Safe Space for Healing: Donation of Therapy Cubicle



On 27th January 2026, a meaningful service initiative was undertaken with the donation of a dedicated therapy cubicle to Sevac Mental Hospital, aimed at strengthening mental healthcare services for patients in need. The newly donated cubicle has been thoughtfully designed to provide a safe, quiet, and confidential space for one-to-one therapy sessions and detailed psychiatric evaluations. This facility will enable psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors

to interact more effectively with patients, ensuring privacy, comfort, and focused care—an essential requirement for accurate diagnosis and therapeutic progress. The cubicle will play a crucial role in improving the quality of individualized treatment, helping patients feel secure and respected while sharing their concerns. Through this donation, Sevac Mental Hospital is better equipped to offer personalized mental health support, contributing significantly to the emotional well-being, dignity, and long-term recovery of individuals battling mental health challenges.

Establishment of a Dedicated Teachers' Room at Anirban Path Bhaban



On 28th January 2026, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe set up a dedicated Teachers' Room within the campus of Anirban Pathbhaban, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the educational ecosystem. The newly established space has been thoughtfully designed to provide a comfortable and professional ambience for the teachers, enabling them to evaluate students' academic performance effectively, engage in academic planning, and conduct official meetings. This initiative aims to support teachers in their crucial role by offering a structured environment that encourages collaboration, focused discussions, and informed decision-making, ultimately contributing to improved teaching outcomes and overall institutional growth.

Seventh Foundation Day celebration of Anirban Pathbhaban



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe—sponsored primary school, Anirban Pathbhaban, celebrated its Seventh Foundation Day on 28th January 2026 at its Sehai Campus with great enthusiasm and pride. Established with the noble objective of providing basic education to children from the surrounding villages, the school has steadily grown into a beacon of learning and hope for the local community. The celebration marked seven years of dedicated service toward promoting literacy, nurturing young minds, and creating equal educational opportunities for underprivileged children. The occasion reflected the collective commitment of Rotary members, teachers, and the community to the cause of education and sustainable development in the region.

Swarnakana Olympiad 2025–26



Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe proudly served as the Associate Host of the Swarnakana Olympiad 2025–26, a District 3291 Project organized in association with the Rotary Club of Madhyamgram Metropolitan. As part of this educational initiative, the Club facilitated the participation of students from seven schools, who were registered and guided to take part in the Olympiad. The Swarnakana Olympiad is an app-based online examination covering a wide range of academic and general knowledge topics. Students underwent a rigorous and systematic registration and examination process, encouraging digital learning, analytical thinking, and academic excellence. Through dedicated coordination and encouragement by the Club, students from the recommended schools performed commendably, and several participants emerged as award winners, bringing recognition to their institutions and boosting student morale. The initiative successfully promoted competitive learning, digital literacy, and academic confidence among school students. The Award ceremony took place on 31st January 2026.