



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSE

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-The Message

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September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

8th Installation Ceremony



The **8th Installation Ceremony** of the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe** was held on **9th July 2025** at **Rotary Prakash Bhawan, Salt Lake**. It was a memorable evening that gracefully combined formal proceedings with heartfelt fellowship.

During the ceremony, **Rtn. Susmita Sarkar** officially took over as the **8th President** of the club, receiving the baton of leadership with dignity and enthusiasm.

The event was further enriched by the inspiring address of our **District Governor, Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri**, who shared his invaluable thoughts on **Thalassemia awareness** and emphasized the importance of early detection and prevention.

A significant highlight was the encouraging commitment made by **Rtn. Priyanka Mukherjee**, Education Head of **Narayana School**, who assured that she would actively work towards **spreading awareness about Thalassemia among students and parents**, aligning with Rotary's mission of preventive healthcare.

Following the formal proceedings, members and their families came together for an evening of **Hi-tea, dinner, and delightful fellowship**, celebrating the bonds that unite the Rotary family. The atmosphere was one of joy, purpose, and renewed dedication—setting the tone for a meaningful and impactful Rotary year ahead.

Award Received for last Rotary Year 2024-25

Certificate of Appreciation



Awards Received



1st Prize for Disaster Response Group A



3rd Prize for Youth & Interact Group A



3rd Prize for Thalassemia awareness & detection Group A



3rd Prize for Diversity Equity Inclusion Group A



2nd Prize for Literacy (Other than District Programs) Group A

Fellowship

Friendship Club Formation



Formation of Friendship Club with Rotary Club of Metro Kuala Lumpur, 136 Jalan Changkat Thambi Dollah Kuala Lumpur 55100, Malaysia, District 3300 Chartered on 1994, Club ID 30422 w.e.f. 1st July, 2025

Resentful Nature

Once again, Himachal is drowning in flash floods,
The Beas is in fury.
In the realm of winter, ice is melting,
And in the desert, snow is falling.
While storms, cyclones, and earthquakes rage,
Sometimes the Mandakini, sometimes the Rishiganga,
Sometimes the Teesta, sometimes the

Alakananda,
Sweep away villages, sweep away homes.
Indiscriminate felling of trees, factories,
Unplanned settlements,
An unchecked rise in population,
Alongside growing pollution.
Development without vision, ignoring

The warnings of global warming.
Now, to save His creation,
The Divine has taken on a fierce form.
If mankind still stubbornly refuses to act,
This universe will be destroyed.
No science or technology will be able to save it anymore.

-By **Rtn. Susmita Sarkar**
President RY 2025-26

Projects

VISION FOR ALL SPECTACLES DISTRIBUTION CAMP



As part of our ongoing commitment to accessible eye care through the *Vision for All* initiative, the **31st Free Eye Check-up Camp** was successfully conducted at **Rania Kultukari High School**, Rania, Bakhrahat, South 24 Parganas. This impactful outreach program was organized in collaboration with the **Rotary Club of Calcutta** under a **Global Grant Project**, aiming to serve rural and underserved communities.

Installation of Drinking Water Filtration Unit



As part of our continued commitment to community health and well-being, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe has proudly donated and installed a **Drinking Water Filtration Unit** at **Rania Kultukari High School**. This initiative aims to ensure access to **clean and safe drinking water** for all students and staff, thereby helping to **prevent the spread of water-borne diseases** such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery.



Seva with Care : Doctor's Day Health Check-up Camp



On the occasion of Doctor's Day, a Health Checkup Camp was organized on 1st July 2025 in association with our RCC Uddami India Foundation, at their premises in Lake Gardens from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The camp was graced by the presence of eminent ENT Surgeon, Dr. Sudipta Chandra, who generously volunteered his time and expertise.

Pond of Hope – A Step Towards Clean Environment



A Cleanliness Drive was organized on 3rd July 2025 to rejuvenate a roadside pond that was gradually getting damaged due to continuous littering and neglect by the local people. The objective of the drive was to revive the natural environment, restore the health of the water body, and create awareness among the community about the importance of preserving such vital resources. Volunteers actively participated in removing garbage and unwanted materials from the pond and its surroundings, thereby not only cleaning the area but also giving it a fresh lease of life. The initiative served as an important step toward environmental conservation and motivated the local community to maintain cleanliness and protect water bodies for future generations.

Blue Harvest – Reviving Ponds with Fish



A project was undertaken to revive a polluted roadside pond by first cleaning it and then releasing fish to restore its natural ecosystem. The pond had long suffered due to littering, silt deposition, and neglect, which damaged the water body and destroyed aquatic life. After removing weeds, plastics, and waste, the water quality was checked to ensure it was fit for sustaining life, and native species of fish Mrigal and Tilapia were introduced to the pond. These fish not only balance the aquatic food chain but also act as natural regulators by preventing mosquito breeding, improving oxygen levels in the water, and supporting biodiversity.



Rotary Vision on Wheels



The Handover Ceremony of the Rotary Mobile Vision Van took place on 12th July 2025 at Rotary Sadan. This significant project, implemented under Global Grant No. 2569775, was led by the Rotary Club of Calcutta in collaboration with nine other Rotary Clubs from District 3291, including our own. The Vision Van was formally handed over to the Midnapore Rotary Eye Hospital and will serve as a mobile unit to deliver essential eye care services to underserved communities. Our club proudly contributed USD 525 towards this impactful initiative, reaffirming our commitment to sight-saving and community healthcare.

Thalassemia Awareness Workshop I at Rania Kultukari High School



On 14th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe conducted a Thalassemia Awareness Workshop at Rania Kultukari High School. The session was attended by students from Classes IX to XII, where club members educated them about the genetic disorder Thalassemia — its causes, consequences, and most importantly, its prevention.

Roots of Tomorrow : Sapling Collection Drive



As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental conservation and community greening efforts, **approximately 2000 non-fruit-bearing saplings** were collected from **Eden Gardens** under the initiative of the **Forest Department** on **22nd July 2025**. These saplings include hardy, native species well-suited for urban and rural plantation drives, aimed at improving ecological balance, combating climate change, and enhancing the green cover in targeted areas.

Together for Tomorrow : Youth Against Thalassaemia



On 23rd July 2025, the students of Narayana School, Sonarpur Branch, brought smiles and joy to the Thalassaemia-affected children at the Kolkata Police Hospital through a heartwarming cultural performance. Alongside their performance, the students actively spread awareness about Thalassaemia among the young patients and their parents. As a thoughtful gesture, drawing books and pencils were also distributed, encouraging the children to express their creativity during their stay at the hospital.

CELEBRATIONS



Kargil Vijay Diwas with Veterans India

On the solemn and proud occasion of **Kargil Vijay Diwas**, observed on **26th July at 4:00 PM**, members of the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe**, who are also associated with **Veterans India**, participated in a **virtual celebration** to honour the indomitable spirit and supreme sacrifice of our Kargil heroes.

TARUMITRA - SAPLING DISTRIBUTION DRIVE



A Sapling Distribution Camp was jointly organized by the **Rotary Club of Calcutta** and the **Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe** at **Rotary Sadan** on **27th July 2025**. As part of the **Pariavaran Sanrakshan** Programme, the event aimed to promote environmental sustainability and community awareness regarding afforestation.

Distribution of Water Treatment Filtration Units



On 29th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe undertook a significant project aimed at promoting health and hygiene by distributing and installing two Water Treatment Filtration Units at Dream Institute of Technology, located in Samali, Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas. The units were installed in the Boys' Hostel and the Girls' Hostel respectively, with the objective of providing clean and safe drinking water to the students residing in the campus.

Tying Bonds, Spreading Smiles



Rakhi Bandhan : Tying Bonds, Spreading Smiles with the Underprivileged Children of All Communities at Anirban



Pathbhawan is a heartwarming initiative that celebrates the spirit of love, care, and brotherhood across all social and cultural boundaries. On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, on 8th August 2025 colourful rakhis were tied as a symbol of protection, unity, and mutual respect, bringing together children from diverse backgrounds. The event was filled with joy, laughter, small gifts, and treats, creating cherished memories and reminding every child that they are valued, loved, and an important part of the larger family of humanity. This celebration was aimed to weave stronger threads of compassion, harmony, and togetherness within the community.

Rakhi of Hope : Smiles for Thalassemia Children



On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, a heartfelt celebration was organised at the Paediatric Ward of Kolkata Police Hospital, Bhowanipore, with the Thalassemia patients on 8th August 2025. The children, along with the dedicated healthcare providers – doctors and nurses – were lovingly tied rakhis, symbolising bonds of care and protection. As a gesture of thankfulness and joy, packets of biscuits and chocolates were distributed among the children and medical staff, spreading smiles and warmth throughout the ward. The event reflected the true spirit of Raksha Bandhan – love, compassion, and solidarity.

Nayan Jyoti – Bringing Clarity to Every Eye



It is an initiative undertaken to provide eye check-ups for students of a technical institute organized on 14th August 2025. Good eyesight plays a vital role in the academic growth and career preparation of students, especially those pursuing technical education that requires precision and focus. A total of 72 students benefitted from the camp, receiving screening, guidance, and corrective support where required.

Free Health Check-up Camp for Children



A Free Health Check-up Camp was organized at Anirban Pathbhawan on 15th August 2025. Rtn. Dr. Tapan Kumar Pal was kind enough to examine about **33 children** from the school and nearby villages. Basic medicines were distributed to the children. During the camp, it was observed that the major health concerns among the children were **abdominal worms** and **respiratory issues such as cough and cold**.

Independence Day Celebration



The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor at Anirban Pathbhawan on 15th August. The programme began with the customary Flag Hoisting ceremony, after which the gathering proudly joined in singing the National Anthem. Following this, the children were

addressed on the significance of Independence Day, highlighting the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and the importance of preserving the hard-earned freedom. Special emphasis was laid on the relevance of the day in the current context, encouraging the students to become responsible citizens and contribute positively to society. The celebration concluded with the distribution of snacks and toffees among the students, spreading joy and togetherness. The event not only instilled a sense of patriotism in the young minds but also created an atmosphere of unity and respect for the nation.

Appreciation Corner



On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, we sincerely appreciate the extraordinary service rendered by **Rtn. Soumitra Chakraborty** and **Rtn. Prodyot Kumar Biswas**, who, despite their busy schedules, have taken time every week to visit the Thalassemia children at the Paediatric Ward of the Kolkata Police Hospital. Their dedication, compassion, and consistent presence have brought smiles and comfort to these young patients, truly reflecting the spirit of Rotary.