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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. It is my pleasure to share the latest updates and reflections from the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence. With the beginning of a new Rotary year, we step forward with renewed energy, guided by a fresh Leadership Team and a shared vision to serve with purpose and passion.

Moving Ahead with Purpose

The journey of the past year has been inspiring, marked by dedication, resilience, and collective action. None of our progress would have been possible without the unwavering support of our volunteers, donors, and partners who believe in the power of community and compassion.

Be a Part of the Change

The strength of our Rotary Club lies in the hands and hearts of those who come forward to make a difference. If you're looking to get involved, contribute, or simply learn more about our initiatives, we invite you to connect with us. Every action counts, and every contribution brings us closer to our mission.

Together, let's continue to bring hope, drive positive change, and uplift lives. Thank you for standing with us. I look forward to bringing you more stories of impact and inspiration in the days ahead.

Warm regards,

RTN. Paulami Sengupta

Editor, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION



Welcoming Our New President – Rtn. Tarakjit Saha Installation Ceremony | Rotary Year 2025–26

The evening of our Installation Ceremony marked more than just the change of Rotary leadership – it symbolized a fresh vision, a renewed energy, and a heartfelt commitment to community service. With pride and joy, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence officially welcomed **Rtn. Tarakjit Saha** as our **President for the Rotary Year 2025–26**.

Rtn. Tarakjit Saha brings with him a rich blend of **corporate experience, creative entrepreneurship, and deep-rooted service values**. His professional journey spans over **17 years** across reputed institutions such as **Citigroup, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank, and Kotak Mahindra Bank**, where he has led teams in marketing, sales, and strategic functions.

In 2017, he stepped into the world of entrepreneurship by co-founding **POWERPLAY**, a pioneering corporate events and brand engagement company. In a span of just 8 years, **POWERPLAY** has grown to become a trusted name in **MICE events, talent hunts, corporate activations, and sports-based campaigns**. Alongside this, he is also closely associated with **Purplecow Events**, known for its flair in **social and lifestyle event experiences**.



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Tarakjit's entrepreneurial ventures are strengthened by his dynamic and creative partners — **Saurabh Bangani and Vivek Jaiswal**, lovingly known in the circuit as "**SaurabhVivek – The Famous Duo.**" Their combined talent and camaraderie have brought unmatched vibrancy to stages and events across the region.

As a Rotarian, Rtn. Tarakjit has already demonstrated **visionary leadership, inclusive collaboration, and a strong bias for action.** He believes in the power of grassroots impact and leading by example — making him the ideal torchbearer of this year's Rotary International theme, "**Unite for Good.**"



Behind this strong leader is a supportive and accomplished family. His wife, **Nabamita Das**, is a senior HR professional working in Global Mobility at **Cognizant**, and their daughter, **Aishani Saha**, a student of **DPS Megacity**, is actively involved in the **Interact Club**, proudly continuing the Rotary tradition into the next generation.

As we step into this new Rotary year, we are confident that under President Rtn. Tarakjit Saha's guidance, our club will scale new heights in service, fellowship, and impactful initiatives.

Here's to a year of innovation, outreach, and united action!

Let us move ahead with purpose and passion, truly living the Rotary spirit of **Service Above Self.**

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**INTRODUCING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 25-26
DR. FRANCESCO AREZZO**



A Global Leader in Colorectal Surgery

We are honoured to introduce Dr. Francesco Arezzo, a distinguished figure in the field of colorectal and minimally invasive surgery, to our readers.

Hailing from Italy, Dr. Arezzo is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Torino and a globally respected name in advanced laparoscopic and robotic colorectal procedures. With over two decades of groundbreaking work, he has significantly contributed to the evolution of minimally invasive techniques for colorectal cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, and proctologic disorders.

Dr. Arezzo's commitment to excellence in surgical education is equally remarkable. He has trained countless surgeons across Europe and beyond, delivering workshops, live surgical demonstrations, and participating in collaborative research efforts. He has also authored over 250 scientific publications and contributed to key surgical textbooks and international guidelines.

He is known not just for his surgical precision, but for his passion for innovation, education, and patient-centered care. As a frequent keynote speaker and invited faculty at global conferences, his presence is a source of inspiration for young medical professionals.

We warmly welcome Dr. Arezzo to our community and look forward to the knowledge, perspective, and global collaboration he brings with him.

**INTRODUCING DISTRICT GOVERNOR 25-26
DISTRICT 3291 - DR. RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI**



Championing Healthcare Equity and Thalassemia Awareness

We are privileged to introduce Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, a visionary in public health, hospital administration, and humanitarian service, whose tireless efforts continue to leave a deep impact on healthcare delivery and disease awareness in India.

With an illustrious career spanning over 30 years, Dr. Homchaudhuri has held several senior leadership roles in prominent hospitals and health organizations. A strategic thinker and compassionate leader, he has worked at the intersection of policy, practice, and people – consistently advocating for accessible, patient-centric healthcare.

One of Dr. Homchaudhuri's most notable contributions is his pioneering work in the field of thalassemia awareness and prevention. Recognizing the growing burden of this inherited blood disorder in India, he has led numerous screening camps, public awareness drives, and advocacy efforts to integrate thalassemia testing into routine health check-ups – especially for young adults and prospective parents. His vision is rooted in early detection and informed decision-making, aiming to reduce the incidence of this preventable condition through education and accessible testing.

In addition to his work on thalassemia, he has led several community health initiatives across maternal and child welfare, urban sanitation, and mental health. He remains a respected mentor, guiding younger professionals in public health with a blend of compassion and pragmatism.

As we welcome Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri into our Rotary family, we are inspired by his lifelong commitment to healthcare with heart, and look forward to learning from his journey of service, science, and social change.



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CLUB SECRETARY'S INTRODUCTION

Welcoming Our Club Secretary – Rtn. Dr. Sharda Chakraborty Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence | Rotary Year 2025–26

As the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence steps into a new chapter of impactful service and purposeful leadership, we are proud to welcome **Rtn. Dr. Sharda Chakraborty** as our Club Secretary for the Rotary Year 2025–26.

A woman of many talents and deep conviction, Dr. Chakraborty brings with her an inspiring blend of intellect, empathy, and dedication. She is an accomplished educator, career counselor, certified graphologist, and published author. Through her initiative, **Golden Future Career and Counseling**, she has guided and empowered over 1,000 individuals to navigate their lives with confidence and clarity.



Her journey has always been rooted in a passion for helping others – a value that resonates strongly with the Rotary spirit. Known for her excellent communication skills, compassionate mindset, and organized approach, she steps into the critical role of Secretary – often considered the backbone of a Rotary club's operations.

As Secretary, Dr. Chakraborty will oversee the seamless coordination of meetings, documentation, and communications, ensuring that our service efforts remain aligned, efficient, and impactful throughout the year.

We are confident that under her stewardship, our club's activities will not only be well-structured but also carry the essence of her thoughtful leadership. Her presence on the Board brings both strength and sensitivity – a combination that will serve the club well.

Here's to a year of strong foundations, clear communication, and collective success under the able guidance of **Rtn. Dr. Sharda Chakraborty**. We are proud to have her lead from the front.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To serve with compassion, integrity, and innovation – addressing pressing community needs through impactful projects in health, education, environment, and empowerment, while fostering fellowship and inclusive leadership among Rotarians.

VISION STATEMENT

To be a beacon of sustainable service and social change in Kolkata and beyond – where every act of kindness strengthens community resilience, nurtures human dignity, and unites people for good under the true spirit of Rotary.





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Column

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence

Month: August 2025

Theme of the Month: **Environment**

RI Theme 2025–26: **"Unite for Good"**

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Well-Wishers,

As I pen down my second President's Column for this Rotary year, I feel an immense sense of pride and responsibility. August 2025 has truly been a month of action, connection, and meaningful service – echoing this year's Rotary International theme, "Unite for Good."

With August dedicated to Environment, our projects continued to raise awareness on different aspects of environmental responsibility. From the bustling heart of Kolkata to the quiet villages of Bankura, our work reflected both compassion and commitment.

Adding to this spirit of service, our club was **honoured with multiple prestigious recognitions at SAMMĀNAM 2024–25 – The Annual District Awards**. In the Large Club Category, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence received the **Rotary International Club Excellence Award**, the **District Governor's Annual Citation**, along with accolades for **Polio Eradication, Public Image, Concern for the Physically Challenged, Disaster Response, Maternal & Child Health, and Youth & Interact**. We were also proud to see our leaders recognized – **Rtn. Yogita Kichlu as Outstanding President** and **Rtn. Arghya Dey as Outstanding Secretary**. These awards are a reflection of our collective effort and commitment.

We began August with purposeful momentum – creating a Thalassaemia awareness video, launching Certified Courses in collaboration with Globsyn School of Business, conducting the Rally for Humanity at Barasat for Thalassaemia awareness and environment, supporting the Padho Bharat 2025 initiative to build rural libraries, empowering autistic children with financial skills, organizing a Startup Summit for college students, and even raising funds through Anandamela, a community exhibition.

Our ongoing Vocational Centres at Sonagachi & Kalighat – initiated under the leadership of Past President Rtn. Chandan Gupta – continue to bring hope and learning opportunities to the children of sex workers. These initiatives are a shining example of service that uplifts the most vulnerable.

One of the most heart-touching achievements this month has been the successful execution of **8 free paediatric heart surgeries (total 14 so far)** under our initiative launched last year by Immediate Past President Rtn. Yogita Kichlu. These surgeries have given underprivileged children a new lease on life and reaffirm our club's long-term mission of healing. We are determined to extend this support to many more children in the months ahead.

Strengthening our base further, we proudly added **4 new Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)** this month – making our movement stronger at the grassroots.

Altogether, we have touched the lives of over **2,500 people in just one month** – a powerful testament to what is possible when we unite with a shared purpose.



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I extend heartfelt thanks to every member of the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence for coming together with such zeal and commitment. A special word of appreciation goes to **Rtn. Chandan Gupta**, our Service & Social Projects Chair, for steering these initiatives with remarkable dedication and vision, and **Rtn. Paulami Sengupta**, our Public Image Chair, for bringing out these editions and spreading our work with such impact. My deepest gratitude also goes to **Mission of Mercy Hospital, Kolkata** for graciously providing us their venue for our club meetings, ensuring that our fellowship and planning find a warm and supportive home.

As we step into September, let us carry this energy forward – to serve with humility, dream with clarity, and deliver with impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Tarakjit Saha
President 2025–26
Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence

A short story to end with “The Pebble in the Pond”

In a quiet town, there was a boy named Aarav who loved spending time by the village pond. One day, he noticed the pond was filled with floating leaves and plastic waste. Everyone walked past it, complaining about the smell, but no one did anything.

Aarav picked up a stick and began clearing a small corner of the pond. Some laughed at him, saying, “What difference will that make?” But the next day, a friend joined him. Then two more. Slowly, more children, and eventually even adults, came forward.

Within weeks, the pond was clean again – a sparkling mirror of the sky. People gathered there in the evenings, proud of the beauty they had restored together.

The villagers realized it all began with a small act – one boy choosing to care when others didn't.

The Message

A single action, like a pebble dropped in water, creates ripples that spread far beyond what we imagine. In service too, even the smallest beginning can inspire collective change.

Be that pebble. Start the ripple.

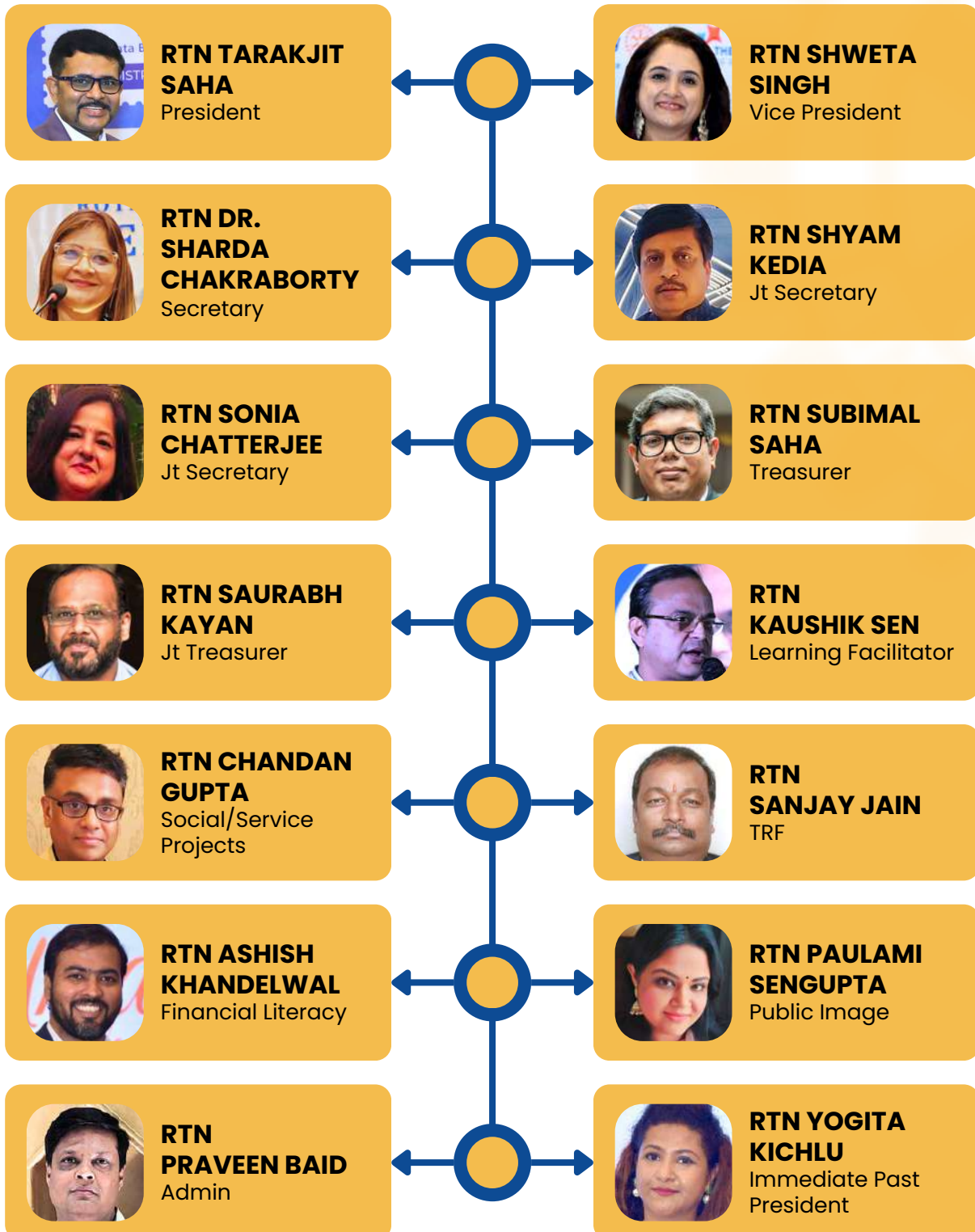
With gratitude and Rotary cheer,
Rtn. Tarakjit Saha
President 2025–26
Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence
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LEADERSHIP TEAM RY 25 -26





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**Rtn. Sanjay
Prasad**



**Rtn. Dr. Purnendu
Roy**



**Rtn. Sahana
Bhowmik**



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SAHA**



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SENGUPTA**



**RTN JHARNA
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**RTN ABHIJIT
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Deep Cleaning Service & Pest Control



Abhirup Banerjee
HR Trainer, Founder - Grip Consultant



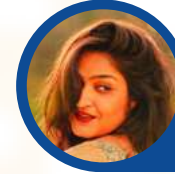
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Dr. Purnendu Roy
Laparoscopic Surgeon, Founder of Genesis Hospital



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Life Coach, Career Counselor



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Dentist



Jharna Bhattacharjee
Artist



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Practicing Chartered Accountant



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Café Business



Parkaash Parekh
Business



Paulami Sengupta
Digital Marketing Consultant, Corporate Trainer and Life Coach



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Founder of Ladies
Garments Store
Sui Dhaga The Boutique



**Pranaadhika
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Social Activist



**Praveen
Kumar Baid**
Supplier of Gunny & HDPE
Bags, & Corrugated Box



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Owner of Canoe
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Graphic Designer



**Rizwan
Mohammad**
IT Hardware



Rohit Sadaka
Director at India
Ratings



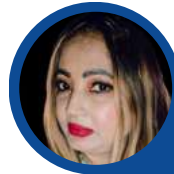
**Ruma Ghosh
Kathotia**
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Distributor of Mahindra &
Mahindra Genuine Spare
Parts



**Sahana
Bhowmik**
Social Activist



**Sanghamitra
Ghoshal**
Film Producer



**Sanjay
Kumar Jain**
Practising Chartered
Accountant



Sanjay Prasad
CEO - Mission of
Mercy Hospital



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Benevolence Aqua World Trust, Benevolence Ramdhanu, Benevolence Nari Kalyan Samity, Benevolence Vivekananda Youth Kalyan Samity





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SAMMANAM 24-25



Sammanam 2024–25 – Celebrating the Magic of Rotary

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence is elated to share that our club has been honored with multiple prestigious awards at **SAMMĀNAM – The Annual District Awards** for Rotary Year **2024–25**. These recognitions stand as a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and spirit of service that defined this Rotary year.

In the **Group D (Large Club Category – Membership of 50 & Above)**, our club received:

Rotary International Club Excellence Award

District Governor's Annual Citation

2nd Place – Polio Eradication

3rd Place – Public Image

3rd Place – Concern for the Physically Challenged

3rd Place – Disaster Response

3rd Place – Maternal & Child Health

3rd Place – Youth & Interact

Outstanding President – Rtn. Yogita Kichlu

Outstanding Secretary – Rtn. Arghya Dey

Additionally, the club was recognized with **Certificates of Appreciation** for:

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RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Concern for the Intellectually Challenged

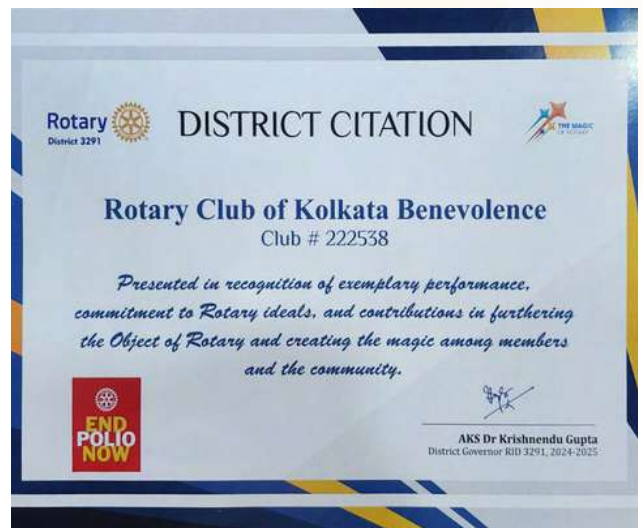
These awards reflect not only the **hard work of our leadership and members**, but also the trust and support of our partners, donors, and well-wishers who stood by us in every initiative.

Indeed, 2024–25 has been a truly magical year for Rotary Kolkata Benevolence – a year of impactful projects, meaningful service, and shining recognition of the **#MagicOfRotary**.



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SAMMANAM 24-25



Project Stories

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DATE: 7TH AUGUST, 2025

EVENT: MEETING NO. 72 & COTS TRAINING – EMPOWERING LEADERS WITH KNOWLEDGE

2

DATE: 7TH AUGUST, 2025

EVENT: LAUNCH OF THALASSEMIA AWARENESS VIDEOS

3

DATE: 7TH AUGUST, 2025

EVENT: SKILL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH 18 CERTIFIED COURSES BY GLOBSYN

4

DATE: 7TH AUGUST, 2025

EVENT: PADHO BHARAT 2025 – A NATIONWIDE DRIVE FOR BOOKS & LIBRARIES

5

DATE: 15TH AUGUST, 2025

EVENT: RALLY FOR HUMANITY – INDEPENDENCE DAY

VENUE: BARASAT, KOLKATA

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: 200

Project Stories

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DATE: 22ND AUGUST, 2025
EVENT: MEETING NO. 73 & CLUB ASSEMBLY

7

DATE: 27TH & 28TH AUGUST, 2025
EVENT: STARTUP SUMMIT 2025 – INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ENTREPRENEURS
VENUE: VEDANTA COLLEGE, KOLKATA
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: 500

8

DATE: 27TH AUGUST, 2025
EVENT: SUPPORT TO PRATHAM PADAKSHEP – EMPOWERING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM
VENUE: RCC BENEVOLENCE PRATHAM PADAKSHEP, KOLKATA
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: 45

9

DATE: 30TH & 31ST AUGUST, 2025
EVENT: ROTARY KOLKATA BENEVOLENCE AT ANANDAMELA – A COMMUNITY PROGRAM BY RESIDENTS OF IDEAL AQUAVIEW

10

DATE: JULY & AUGUST 2025
EVENT: VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR CHILDREN OF SEX WORKERS – A STEP TOWARDS DIGNITY AND INDEPENDENCE

11

DATE: AUGUST, 2025
EVENT: FREE PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES
DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: 8

7th August

**Meeting No. 72 & COTS Training
– Empowering Leaders with Knowledge**



Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence

GENERAL MEETING NO. 72

**CLUB OFFICERS TRAINING &
NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION**

7th August, 2025, Thursday
6:30 pm onwards

In presence of **Past District Governor Debasish Mitra**

GUESTS

AG Rtn. Rashmi P. Tulsyan, ZS Rtn. Chandreyi Mitra

Prospective Members are also Welcome

Venue: Mission of Mercy Hospital
125/1, Park Street, Kolkata 700017

Date: 7th August, 2025

Event: **Meeting No. 72 & COTS Training – Empowering Leaders with Knowledge**

Venue: Mission of Mercy Hospital, Kolkata

7th August

Meeting No. 72 & COTS Training – Empowering Leaders with Knowledge

Meeting No. 72 & COTS Training – Empowering Leaders with Knowledge

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence recently organized a highly engaging **Club Officers' Training Seminar (COTS)**, conducted by **PDG Rtn. Debasish Mitra**, one of the most respected and experienced leaders of Rotary.

The session focused on enhancing leadership skills, strengthening team coordination, and creating better awareness about Rotary processes, responsibilities, and opportunities. PDG Mitra shared his valuable insights on club administration, project planning, financial discipline, and membership growth, inspiring every participant to strive for excellence in their respective roles.

His practical examples, coupled with deep Rotary wisdom, made the training not just informative but also highly motivating. The interaction encouraged officers to adopt innovative approaches while keeping service at the heart of all activities. The COTS training has truly equipped our members with the confidence and clarity to carry forward Rotary's mission of **"Service Above Self"** with renewed energy and commitment.



7th August

Launch of Thalassemia Awareness Videos



Date: 7th August, 2025

Event: **Launch of Thalassemia Awareness Videos**

Venue: Mission of Mercy Hospital, Kolkata

Launch of Thalassemia Awareness Videos

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence has taken another impactful step in spreading awareness about **Thalassemia**, a critical genetic blood disorder that continues to affect countless families in our country.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community health and preventive care, the club has launched **two specially created awareness videos**. These videos, designed in simple and relatable language, aim to educate people about the causes, risks, and the importance of early screening for Thalassemia. They also highlight the role of timely medical intervention and the need for collective action to prevent the disorder from being passed on to future generations.

The initiative reflects our club's dedication to **saving lives through knowledge and awareness**. By leveraging the power of digital media, these videos will reach a wider audience—especially students, young couples, and parents—encouraging them to act responsibly and undergo necessary tests.

Through this effort, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence continues to reaffirm its pledge to serve the community by addressing pressing health challenges and creating a healthier tomorrow.

7th August

Skill Development Through 18 Certified Courses by Globsyn

Date: 7th August, 2025

Event: **Skill Development Through 18 Certified Courses by Globsyn**

Venue: Mission of Mercy Hospital, Kolkata

Skill Development Through 18 Certified Courses by Globsyn

In a significant step towards empowering youth with future-ready skills, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, in collaboration with Globsyn Business School, has launched an initiative offering 18 certified courses across diverse domains.

These courses, designed with a strong industry orientation, aim to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and practical workplace requirements. Covering areas such as digital marketing, financial literacy, business analytics, communication skills, leadership, and emerging technologies, the programs are tailored to enhance employability and entrepreneurial capabilities.

By bringing such opportunities within reach of students and young professionals, our club continues its mission to **nurture talent, promote skill-based education, and create sustainable livelihoods**. The certifications from Globsyn will not only add value to academic portfolios but also open doors to better career prospects.

For enrolling in these courses, please connect with the **club leadership team**, call the **helpline at 9147717727**, or write to us at **kolkatabenevolence@gmail.com**.

This collaboration reflects our ongoing commitment to **“Create Hope in the World”** by enabling youth to dream big, learn continuously, and grow confidently into tomorrow’s leaders.



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- ✔ Product & Brand Management
- ✔ How to Learn Online
- ✔ How to Teach Online
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- ✔ Tourism & Hospitality - Meet & Greet
- ✔ Business Correspondent & Business Facilitator
- ✔ Consignment Booking Assistant
- ✔ Negotiation Skills
- ✔ Mutual Fund Agent
- ✔ Basic Spanish Language Course
- ✔ Basic German Language Course
- ✔ Basic Italian Learning Course
- ✔ Basic French Learning Course
- ✔ Basic Russian Learning Course

Contact us or WhatsApp at +91 9147717727

7th August

Padho Bharat 2025 – A Nationwide Drive for Books & Libraries

Date: 7th August, 2025

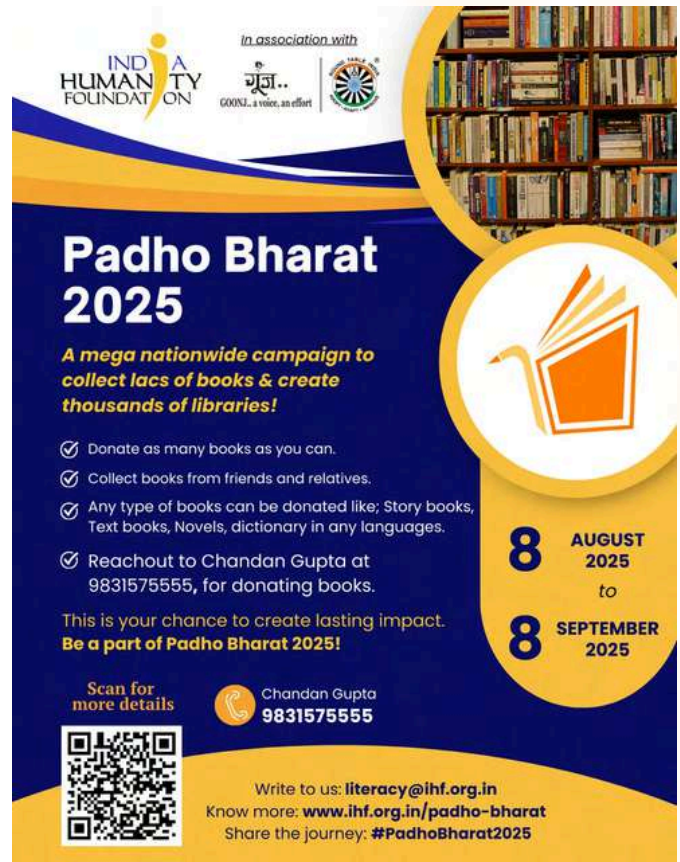
Event: **Padho Bharat 2025 – A Nationwide Drive for Books & Libraries**

Venue: Mission of Mercy Hospital, Kolkata

Padho Bharat 2025 – A Nationwide Drive for Books & Libraries

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence is proud to be a part of **Padho Bharat 2025 – a mega nationwide campaign** to collect lakhs of books and set up thousands of libraries across rural India.

This initiative, launched in association with **India Humanity Foundation, Goonj,** and **Round Table India,** is aimed at spreading the joy of reading and ensuring that every child, irrespective of background, has access to knowledge and learning resources.



The poster features the logos of India Humanity Foundation, Goonj, and Round Table India. It includes a QR code, a contact number for Chandan Gupta (9831575555), and an email address (literacy@ihf.org.in). The campaign dates are listed as 8th August 2025 to 8th September 2025. The text on the poster reads: 'Padho Bharat 2025. A mega nationwide campaign to collect lacs of books & create thousands of libraries!'. It lists three ways to participate: donating books, collecting books from friends and relatives, and reaching out to Chandan Gupta. It also provides the website www.ihf.org.in/padho-bharat and the hashtag #PadhoBharat2025.

As part of the campaign, members, friends, and well-wishers are encouraged to:

- **Donate as many books as possible** – storybooks, textbooks, novels, or dictionaries in any language.
- **Collect books from family, friends, and networks** to maximize impact.
- **Contribute towards setting up rural libraries,** creating a legacy of learning for generations.

The campaign runs from **8th August to 8th September 2025,** and every book counts towards igniting a child's imagination and shaping a brighter future.

For donating books, please connect with **Chandan Gupta at 9831575555,** or email **literacy@ihf.org.in**. More details are available at www.ihf.org.in/padho-bharat.

Through Padho Bharat 2025, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence joins hands in building a nation where **every child has a book to read and a library to learn from.**

7th August

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15th August

Rally for Humanity – Independence Day

Date: 15th August, 2025
Event: **Rally for Humanity**
– Independence Day
Venue: Barasat, Kolkata
Direct Beneficiaries: 200

Rally for Humanity – Spreading Awareness with Purpose

On 15th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, in association with Barasat Bikers, proudly organized a “Rally for Humanity” to celebrate India’s Independence Day with a mission-driven approach.

The rally carried a three-fold purpose:

- Spreading awareness about Thalassemia
- Promoting safe driving practices
- Reinforcing the message of “Say No to Drugs”

With **more than 200 bikers participating**, the event turned into a dynamic spectacle of energy, discipline, and commitment. Riding through the Barasat and Madhyamgram areas, the bikers drew immense public attention with eye-catching posters, banners, and a specially designed tableau that highlighted the core messages of the initiative.

Thousands of onlookers witnessed the rally, many pausing to engage with the awareness messages. The event seamlessly blended the patriotic fervor of Independence Day with a strong call for social responsibility, ensuring that the spirit of freedom was celebrated with purpose and impact.

By combining the thrill of biking with the power of meaningful communication, the “**Rally for Humanity**” stood out as not just a celebration but a movement for change, leaving a lasting impression on the community.



15th August

Rally for Humanity – Independence Day



22nd August

Meeting No. 73 & Club Assembly

Date: 22nd August, 2025

Event: **Meeting No. 73 & Club Assembly**

Venue: Casa Amore, EM Bypass, Kolkata

Meeting No. 73 & Club Assembly

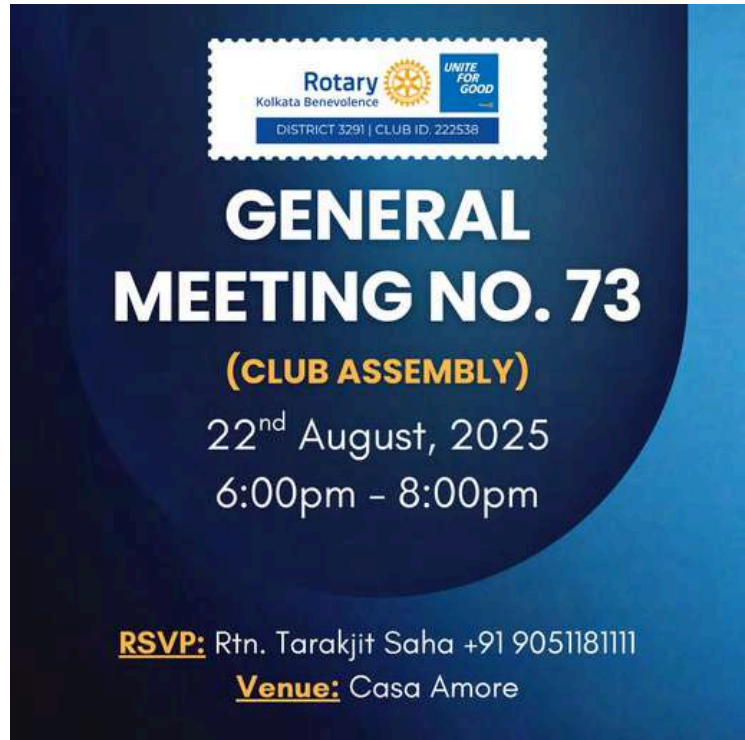
Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence successfully conducted its **73rd Weekly Meeting** followed by the **Club Assembly**, marking an important milestone in our journey of service and fellowship.

The meeting began with the customary Rotary rituals, after which the agenda for the day was taken up. Members came together to review ongoing projects, share ideas, and discuss new initiatives aligned with the vision of the current Rotary year.

The **Club Assembly** provided a valuable platform for each avenue director to present their plans and progress. It was a constructive session where members exchanged thoughts on strengthening our flagship projects, enhancing community outreach, and increasing member engagement. The assembly also reinforced the importance of financial discipline, transparency, and teamwork in ensuring the club's success.

The active participation and insightful discussions reflected the collective commitment of our members towards making Rotary's motto "**Service Above Self**" a reality. With renewed energy, the club is now better equipped to execute impactful projects and move closer to achieving its annual goals.

Meeting No. 73 and the Club Assembly truly embodied the spirit of Rotary – **fellowship, collaboration, and purposeful action.**



27th & 28th August

Startup Summit 2025 – Inspiring the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Date: 27th & 28th August, 2025

Event: **Startup Summit 2025 – Inspiring the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs**

Venue: Vedanta College, Kolkata

Direct Beneficiaries: 500

Project Director: Rtn. Prosun Das

Startup Summit 2025 – Inspiring the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, in association with **Vedanta Foundation** and the **Institution's Innovation Council (Ministry of Education Initiative)**, proudly partnered with **Vedanta College, Entrepreneurship Cell** to host the **Startup Summit 2025** on **27th & 28th August 2025** initiated by Rtn. Prosun Das.

The two-day summit, held from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM, was designed to ignite the spirit of innovation and nurture young minds aspiring to become entrepreneurs.

Day 1 (27th August 2025):

- Interactive Workshops
- Mentorship & Networking Opportunities
- Youth Entrepreneurship Drive

Day 2 (28th August 2025):

- Exhibition of Innovative Ideas
- Poster Competition

The summit was enriched by the insights of **eminent speakers**:

- **Mr. Anurag Agarwal**, Lawyer & Economist
- **Dr. Debtanu Barman**, Community Livelihood Specialist & Social Entrepreneur
- **Mr. Prosun Das**, Recruitment Strategist & Founder

The banner features logos for Vedanta Foundation (A Not-for-Profit Initiative) and Institution's Innovation Council (Ministry of Education Initiative). The main title is 'STARTUP SUMMIT 2025'. Below the title, it states the date as 27th & 28th August, 2025, and the time as 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM. The venue is listed as Vedanta College, Entrepreneurship Cell. The banner is divided into two days: Day 1 (27th August, 2025) includes Interactive Workshops, Mentorship & Networking, and Youth Entrepreneurship Drive. Day 2 (28th August, 2025) includes Exhibition and Poster Competition. A section titled 'Eminent Speakers for The Day' lists four speakers with their photos and titles: Mr. Anurag Agarwal (Lawyer & Economist), Dr. Debtanu Barman (Community Livelihood specialist, Social entrepreneur), Mr. Kaushik Sen (Financial Expert & Author), and Mr. Prosun Das (Recruitment Strategist & Founder). Contact information is provided: +91 9147717727, kolkatabenevolence@gmail.com, and www.rotarykolkatabenevolence.com. The banner concludes with 'in Association with: Rotary Kolkata Benevolence' and the Rotary logo.

27th & 28th August

Startup Summit 2025 – Inspiring the Next Generation of Entrepreneurs

Their sessions inspired participants to think boldly, embrace challenges, and explore opportunities in the world of startups. The event served as a vibrant platform for students and budding entrepreneurs to learn, connect, and showcase their innovative potential.

With this initiative, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence continues its mission of **empowering youth and fostering entrepreneurship** as a means to create sustainable growth and opportunities for the future.



27th August

Support to Pratham Padakshep – Empowering Children with Autism

Date: 27th August, 2025

Event: Support to Pratham Padakshep – Empowering Children with Autism

Venue: RCC Benevolence Pratham Padakshep, Kolkata

Direct Beneficiaries: 45

Support to Pratham Padakshep – Empowering Children with Autism

On **27th August 2025**, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence extended its heartfelt support to **Pratham Padakshep**, a dedicated centre for children with autism and also the **Rotary Community Corps (RCC)** of our club.

In an effort to promote **financial empowerment and independence**, the club donated a **mixer-grinder** and a **weighing scale**. These essential tools will enable the children to engage in small-scale entrepreneurial activities such as preparing and selling spice powders – fostering self-reliance, confidence, and dignity through meaningful work.

To further enhance the learning environment, the club also gifted an **aquarium**, adding a calming and joyful element to the centre. The soothing presence of the aquarium is expected to have a positive impact on the children's emotional well-being.

This initiative reflects Rotary's unwavering commitment to **inclusion, empowerment, and the holistic development of differently-abled children**, ensuring they are given the opportunity to grow, thrive, and live with confidence.



30th & 31st August

Rotary Kolkata Benevolence at Anandamela – a community program by residents of Ideal AquaView

Date: 30th & 31st August, 2025

Event: **Rotary Kolkata Benevolence at Anandamela – a community program by residents of Ideal AquaView**

Venue: Ideal AquaView, Kolkata

Rotary Kolkata Benevolence at Anandamela – a community program by residents of Ideal AquaView

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence proudly participated in **Anandamela** with a dedicated **Book Collection Drive** in support of our flagship literacy initiative **Padho Bharat 2025**.

The drive received an overwhelming response, as visitors and well-wishers came forward to donate storybooks, textbooks, novels, and dictionaries. Every contribution collected at Anandamela will directly help in setting up libraries in rural areas, bringing the joy of reading to children who otherwise lack access to books.

This initiative not only created awareness about the importance of reading but also connected the community with Rotary's vision of empowering the next generation through knowledge.

Our members also used the opportunity to **raise funds for various social service projects**, ensuring sustainable support for impactful work in education, healthcare, and community development.

The Book Collection Drive at Anandamela was a wonderful step towards the larger mission of Padho Bharat 2025 – **building a nation where every child has a book to read and a library to learn from**.



30th & 31st August

Rotary Kolkata Benevolence at Anandamela – a community program by residents of Ideal AquaView



July & August 2025

Vocational Training Centre for Children of Sex Workers – A Step Towards Dignity and Independence

Date: July & August 2025

Event: **Vocational Training Centre for Children of Sex Workers – A Step Towards Dignity and Independence**

Venue: RCC Amra Padatik, Sonagachi and Kalighat, Kolkata

Vocational Training Centre for Children of Sex Workers – A Step Towards Dignity and Independence

Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence has always believed in creating opportunities where they are needed the most. Continuing an initiative that began during the tenure of **PP Rtn. Chandan Gupta**, the club, in association with its **RCC Benevolence Amra Padatik**, has been supporting a **Vocational Training Centre for the children of sex workers from the Sonagachi and Kalighat red light areas.**

This ongoing project is designed to break the cycle of vulnerability and provide these children with the skills and confidence to lead independent lives. The training programmes focus on **skill development, career-oriented education, and personality building**, equipping them with tools to seek dignified employment and build a brighter future.

Beyond skill training, the centre also fosters an environment of care, safety, and encouragement – helping the children rise above the stigma and challenges of their circumstances. By opening new doors of opportunity, the project reflects Rotary's core mission of **"Service Above Self"** and our dedication to empowering marginalized communities.

Through this Vocational Training Centre, Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence reaffirms its commitment to **uplift the underprivileged, promote dignity of labour, and create pathways of hope and independence for the next generation.**



August, 2025

Free Paediatric Heart Surgeries

Date: August, 2025

Event: **Free Paediatric Heart Surgeries**

Direct Beneficiaries: 8

A Vision of Compassion, A Mission of Hope

Under the remarkable leadership of our **Immediate Past President, Rtn. Yogita Kichlu**, the **Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence** launched one of its most impactful initiatives to date — **Free Heart Surgeries for Children** from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. What began as a dream rooted in empathy has now transformed into a **lifesaving mission**, giving children not just a new lease on life, but also a chance to live it fully.

The **first surgery** under this program was successfully conducted on **4th July 2025**, setting the tone for what would become a deeply meaningful journey for our club. Since then, a total of **fourteen successful surgeries** has been completed, each one a **story of resilience, courage, and healing**. More surgeries are already in the pipeline, and with each passing day, our commitment to this cause grows stronger.

We take this opportunity to **applaud and deeply appreciate Rtn. Yogita Kichlu** for her **vision, determination, and heart-driven leadership**. It was her unwavering belief that **no child should be denied the chance to live a healthy life due to financial hardship** that made this project a reality. Her initiative has not only saved lives but also inspired every member of our club to think bigger, act bolder, and serve deeper.

These surgeries are made possible through **collaborations with leading hospitals**, compassionate medical teams, and generous donors who have stepped forward to support this noble cause. However, the **need is vast**, and the journey is far from over.

We call upon our **fellow Rotarians, friends, corporate partners, and well-wishers** to join us in this mission of the heart. Every contribution, big or small, helps us reach another child, another family, and another future full of promise.

If you'd like to be part of this life-transforming initiative — as a donor, partner, or volunteer — please reach out to **Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence**. Together, let's continue what Rtn. Yogita Kichlu so beautifully began: **healing hearts and building hope, one child at a time**.

August, 2025

Free Paediatric Heart Surgeries

Patient no 1

Name of the Patient - Harshil Barai,
Male,
Age : 11 months old
Hospital- RN TAGORE
Surgery Name : PDA Device Closure
Date of admission – 2.7. 2025
Date of surgery – 3.7.2025
Date of discharge – 4.7.2025

Patient No 2

Patient Name : Saptarshi Malick
Age : 3 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : VSD Device Closure
Admission Date : 30.6.2025
Surgery Date : 1.7. 2025
Discharge Date : 2.7.2025

Patient no 3.

Patient Name : Master Aarush Kumar
Age : 2 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : PDA Device Closure
Mrn No-17510001355996.
Admission Date : 8.7.2025.
Surgery - 10th July

Patient No 4

Patient Name : Nurmuskan
Age : 2 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+ASD Device
Closure
Mrn No-17510001361542.
Admission Date : 13.7.2025
Surgery date - 14.7.25

Patient No 5

Patient Name : Bibek Bauri
Age : 1 year
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+PDA Device
Closure
Admission Date : 21.7.2025.
Surgery Date : 22.7.2025
Discharge Date : 23.7.2025

Patient No 6

Patient Name : Ashik Kayal
Age : 11 years
Hospital Name : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+LPA Stenting
Admission Date : 27.7.2025
Surgery Date : 28.7.2025
Discharge Date : 29.7.2025

Patient No 7

Patient Name : Anik Pramanik
Age : 5 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : PDA Device Closure
Admission Date : 1.8.2025.
Surgery Date : 2.8.2025
Discharge Date : 4.8. 2025

Patient No 8

Patient Name : Rishab Kumar Yadav
Age : 6 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+VSD Device
Closure
Admission Date :1.8.2025.
Surgery Date : 2.8.2025
Discharge Date : 4.8.2025

August, 2025

Free Paediatric Heart Surgeries

Patient No 9

Patient Name : Sidharth Kumar Singh
Age : 3 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+ASD Device
Closure
Admission Date : 1.8.2025.
Surgery Date : 4.8.2025
Discharge Date : 5.8. 2025

Patient No 10

Patient Name : Rilamala Mandi
Age : 1 year
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+PDA Device
Closure
Admission Date : 6.8.2025.
Surgery Date : 7.8.2025
Discharge Date : 8.8.2025

Patient No 11

Patient Name : Souvik Roy
Age : 7 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+ASD Device
Closure
Admission Date :13.8.2025.
Surgery Date : 14.8.2025
Discharge Date : 16.8.2025

Patient No 12

Patient Name : Suparna Bhunia
Age : 3 years
Hospital Name: RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath+ASD Device
Closure
Admission Date :17.8.2025
Surgery Date : 18.8.2025
Discharge Date : 19.8.2025

Patient No 13

Patient Name : Khushi Mondal
Age : 9 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Cath + ASD Device
Closure
Admission Date : 18.8.2025
Surgery Date : 19.8.2025
Discharge Date : 20.8.2025

Patient No 14

Patient Name : Sayan Haldar
Age : 11 years
Hospital : RN Tagore
Surgery Name : Sinus Venosus +ASD
Device Closure + ASD Stenting
Admission Date : 25.8.2025
Surgery Dates : 26.8.2025 & 28.8.2025
Discharge Date : 1.09.2025

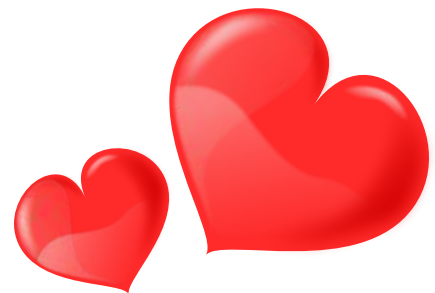
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STORY

Rtn. Jharna Bhattacharjee (Bengali and Translated version)

হৃদয়ের আকাশে অভিমানের মেঘগুলো সাদা পালকের মত ভেসে বেড়ায়, যেন শরতের আকাশে মেঘ যার উপস্থিতিতেও আলোর ছটায় আশারা লেগে থাকে, মিলনের আগমনী বার্তা লুকিয়ে থাকে সেই মেঘে। আলো আঁধারের খুনসুটি আছে, প্রেম বিরহের কানামাছি খেলা আছে সেখানে। তারপর বিষাক্ত ধুলো জমে সেই সাদা মেঘে। মেঘের রং হয় নিকষ কালো। মেঘে মেঘে ঘর্ষণে রাগের চিৎকার হয়ে ওঠে বজ্রবিদ্যুত এর হুঙ্কার। ধ্বংস লীলার মাতনে হৃদয় রক্ত বন্যায় প্লাবিত হয়। সব অনুভূতির স্বাস আটকে মরতে থাকে। একদিন দুর্যোগ থামে। সেই হৃদয়ের আকাশে কখনো সূর্য আসে কখনো চাঁদ যেমন নৈমিত্তিক জীবন। একগতিতে বেঁচে থাকা আর বাঁচিয়ে রাখার তাগিদে আকাশের (হৃদয়) প্রতীকী হয়ে রয়ে যায়। তবু আকাশের বড় মায়া বড় টান সেই মেঘেদের প্রতি তাই যখন একটা দুটো তারা খসে তাদের কানে কানে বলে 'খোজ নিও তো যে প্রেম অভিমান সোহাগী আদরগুলো ঝরে গেল ভেসে গেলো আমার পাঁজর থেকে, আমার সূর্যের উষ্ণতায় তারা আর বাষ্প হয়ে ফিরে আসবে কিনা? আর নয়তো একদিন আকাশ সরলরেখা হয়ে মহাজাগতিক স্রোতে মিলিয়ে যাবে বলে দিও তাদের। হয়তো সেই ধূলিকণার মধ্যে একটা দুটো কণা সরলরেখার গায়ে আটকে যাবে।'



**RTN. JHARNA
BHATTACHARJEE**

....আর তারাই সুখের কাশে দোল খাবে, মহালয়ার সুরে কম্পিত হবে, ধুনি নাচে পা মেলাবে, মণ্ডপে মণ্ডপে ঘুরবে, সিঁদুর খেলার সময় এক গাল থেকে আর এক গাল একহাত থেকে অন্যহাতে আলিঙ্গনে উৎসবের ওম নেবে, ধুনি নাচের ছন্দে আনন্দ নেবে, বিজয়ার প্রনামে আশীর্বাদের আধার খুঁজে পাবোমা দুগ্গার পরবারের সাথে গঙ্গায় হয়ত তাদের যাত্রা হবে মহাজাগতিক সুরে।

অনুভূতি অবিনশ্বর তাই তার বিনাশ নেই শুধু রং রূপ আকার বদলায়...যেমন আটপৌরে ঘরের দুর্গা পুজো আজ সর্বজনীন থেকে বিশ্বজনীন হয়ে বিশ্বের দরবারে আমাদের কৃষ্টি ঐতিহ্য ইতিহাস আন্তরিকতা বনেদিয়ানাকে তুলে ধরেছি। ঠিক যেমন করে আমাদের পরিবার অর্থাৎ Rotary Kolkata benevolence ছোট পরিবার থেকে একাল্লবর্তী পরিবার তারপর বৃহত্তর পরিবারের পথে এগিয়ে চলছে কর্মের মধ্যে দিয়ে যার মূল উদ্দেশ্য মানবতার পুজো কারণ মানুষের মধ্যেই স্বয়ং ঈশ্বরের বাস



STORY

In the sky of the heart, clouds of hurt drift around like white feathers—
just like autumn clouds, whose very presence still leaves a glimmer of hope,
hiding within them the message of reunion.
There lies a playful tug of light and shadow,
the blindfolded game of love and separation.

Then, poisonous dust gathers upon those white clouds.
Their colour turns pitch black.
With cloud colliding against cloud,
anger erupts as thunder's roar.
In the frenzy of destruction, the heart is flooded with rivers of blood.
All emotions suffocate and begin to die.
But one day, the storm ceases.
In that sky of the heart, sometimes the sun shines,
sometimes the moon—
just as in the ordinary rhythm of life.
Living on, sustaining oneself,
the heart becomes a symbol of the sky itself.

Yet the sky holds an endless pull, a deep enchantment for its clouds.
So, when a star or two falls,
it whispers to them:
"Find out if the love, the hurt, the tender affections
that slipped away from my ribs,
will ever return as vapor in the warmth of my sun.
If not, then one day,
tell them that this sky will dissolve into a straight line,
merging into the cosmic stream.
Perhaps a speck or two of dust
will cling to that line."

And those very specks will sway in fields of joy,
quiver with the rhythms of Mahalaya's hymns,
step in tune with the dhunuchi dance,
wander from pandal to pandal,
during Sindoor Khela—
as vermilion smears from cheek to cheek,
from one hand to another,
in the embrace of festive warmth.



**RTN. JHARNA
BHATTACHARJEE**

They will revel in the rhythm of the dance,
find vessels of blessing in the farewell bow of Bijoya.

With Maa Durga's family,
they too will set forth into the Ganges,
in harmony with the cosmic song
Emotions are indestructible—
they never perish.

They only change in colour, in shape, in form...
Just as the homely Durga Puja of households
has now become universal,
a festival celebrated across the world,
bringing forth our heritage, tradition, history,
intimacy,
and the grandeur of our roots to the global stage.
Just as our family, that is Rotary Kolkata Benevolence,
is moving forward — from a small family,
to a joint family, and then towards a larger family —
through its work, whose main purpose is the worship of humanity,
because God Himself resides within human beings



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THE JOY OF GIVING

Across the globe, millions of social service activities take place every single day. From food distribution activities to health camps, communities are served by countless number of people with noble and good intentions. Yet too often, projects stop at the level of mere outputs i.e. number of food items distributed, the number of food meals distributed or the number of distribution events organized which we sometimes mistake them as service projects.

At Rotary Benevolence, we believe that while outputs certainly matter, they are not enough. Our true calling as Rotarians is to look beyond just distribution and giving activities and to focus on what truly changes lives i.e. outcomes and impact. This philosophy—rooted in the theme of the Joy of Giving—guides every project we take on, shaping not just what we do, but how we do it.



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Beyond Just Outputs: Towards Outcomes and Impact

Let us pause for a moment to reflect on three confusing terms that are often used interchangeably in the social circle but mean very different things:

- Output is the immediate, visible result of an activity. E.g. Distributing 1,000 school bags to children.
- Outcome reflects the difference made because of those outputs. E.g. If the children begin attending school more regularly because they now have bags, books and stationery, that is an outcome.
- Impact is the much deeper, long-term transformation. E.g. If, over the years, these same children become educated, confident, and able to break cycles of poverty, unemployment etc., that is impact.

This distinction is at the very heart of Rotary Benevolence. We measure our work not just in numbers, but in the stories of lives uplifted and communities transformed.





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The Joy of Giving – A Dual Benefit

The philosophy of Rotary Benevolence rests on a simple yet profound truth: giving is a two-way blessing.

- For the giver, it brings immense joy, purpose, and the satisfaction of knowing that their time, effort, or contribution is making a difference. Every donation, every hour volunteered, strengthens empathy and renews the spirit of service.
 - For the receiver, it brings hope, dignity, and opportunities that create real change in daily life.
- In this way, giving becomes not a one-sided act, but a circle of shared humanity. Most of the Rotary Benevolence project ensures that both sides—the donor and the beneficiary—are enriched.

Fellowship in Action – Journeys That Change Lives

One of the most beautiful aspects of Rotary Benevolence is that our projects take us out into the field, to the very grassroots where help is needed most.

Our members often travel together to remote villages and underserved areas like in Sundarbans etc. These journeys serve a dual purpose:

- For Rotarians and donors, traveling together fosters fellowship, friendship, and camaraderie. The long rides, shared meals, and collective experiences create bonds that go beyond meetings and conferences.
- For beneficiaries, the presence of Rotarians in their villages and communities is a powerful symbol of care and solidarity. It tells them: You are not forgotten. We are here with you.

Thus, every field visit becomes a win-win situation—a joyful fellowship for members and life-changing support for the communities we serve.

Rotary Benevolence Model That Is Sustainable, Replicable, and Scalable

The Rotary Benevolence model of joyful giving has three unique strengths:

1. Sustainability – Because it enriches both giver and receiver, the model sustains itself. Rotarians remain motivated through joy and fellowship, while communities continue to benefit from tangible improvements.
2. Replicability – Any Rotary Club, anywhere in the world, can replicate this model if required. All it takes is a shift in perspective: from counting numbers and activities to measuring impact.
3. Scalability – Whether serving one village or an entire region, the framework works. The more members join hands, the more lives are touched, and the greater the ripple effect.

This makes Rotary Benevolence's projects a blueprint for service with heart.



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The Joy of Giving – A Universal Truth

The Joy of Giving practised by Rotary benevolence is not limited by geography, culture, or language. Whether in Kolkata or any other part of the country where Rotary operates, the principle remains the same:

- Giving uplifts the receiver.
- Giving also transforms the giver.
- And when giving is done together, it creates a ripple of fellowship, kindness, and impact that spreads far beyond the project itself.

A Call to Action for Rotarians Everywhere

As we look to the future, let us remind ourselves of Rotary's timeless motto: Service Above Self. We may also enrich it with a renewed focus: Service With Joy.

- Let us design projects with impact in mind, not just mere activities.
- Let us celebrate the outcomes we achieve together, not just the outputs we count.
- Let us embrace the joy of giving, knowing that every act of benevolence nourishes both the giver and the receiver.

The Seed, the Growth and the Harvest Story

Every Rotary project begins with the seed of giving. The output is the planting of that seed. The outcome is the growth it brings. And the impact is the rich harvest that nourishes generations. At Rotary Benevolence, we are proud to nurture all three. Through fellowship, fieldwork, and heartfelt service, we ensure that our joy of giving creates lasting outcomes and enduring impact.

This is more than a model. It is a movement—one that is sustainable, replicable, and scalable. Together, as Rotarians, let us continue to travel, to serve, to give—and in doing so, to transform lives, communities, and ourselves.

The Joy of Giving is not measured in numbers. It is measured in smiles, in friendships, and in the lasting impact we leave behind. This is Rotary Benevolence. This is who we are.



STORY

There was an island at one end of the world. When you say island, all around it was only the ocean and the water of that ocean. On that island, all kinds of abstract things lived side by side, such as 'happiness', 'sorrow', 'abundance', 'knowledge', 'beauty', 'love' Etc.

One day, they all came to know from 'Gyan' that the island would soon sink under water. Everyone was preparing to leave the island with their own boats. Only 'Bhalobasa' wanted to stay on the island till the last moment.

When the island was almost sinking under the sea, "Love" decided that she had to leave the island now to survive in this world. She then started looking for others around her for help.

At that time, 'Love' saw that 'Abundance' was taking his boat. 'Love' then said to 'Abundance', "Will you give me a little shelter in your boat?" 'Abundance' replied, "Sorry, my boat is full of gold and silver. There is not even a single place for you here."

At that time, 'Beauty' was passing by in a boat, looking very beautiful. Love then said to 'Beauty', "Beauty, please help me a little." 'Beauty' replied, "No, I can't take you on my beautiful boat, you are all wet and lonely, if you get on my beautiful boat it will get dirty."

Then 'Love' saw 'Sadness' passing by. Love then said to 'Sadness', "Sadness, please take me with you for a while." Sadness replied, "I'm really sorry, 'Love'. I'm very sad. I want to be alone right now. You could call 'Happiness' instead."

Seeing 'Sukh' in the boat next to him, Bhalobasa shouted, "Sukh, save me." 'Sukh' was singing a song with great joy. As a result, he was so overwhelmed with joy that he could not hear 'Bhalobasa's' call. 'Bhalobasa' then saw no other way and started crying. At that time, he heard someone calling him, "Come on my boat, 'Love', I will take you wherever you want to go." 'Love' then got on his boat and sat down. 'Love' could not recognize who was actually helping him. Later, he saw 'Love' as beautiful and took her down to another island. 'Love' saw 'Experience' on that island. Love then asked 'Experience', "Who helped me?" 'Experience' replied from his pocket, "Time helped you." Love then asked again, "Why only Time helped me?" Experience smiled softly and said, "Because only Time knows the value of Love. Time determines the destination of Love." Now just waiting for time

Have a nice day friend



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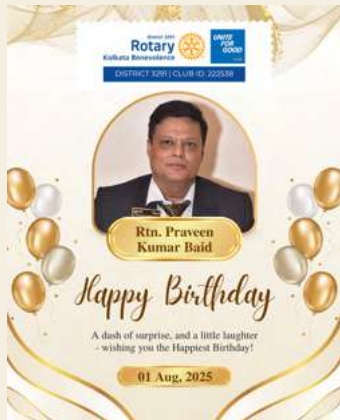
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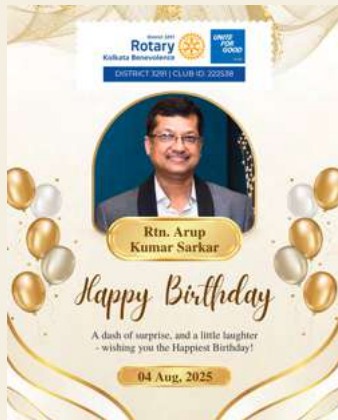
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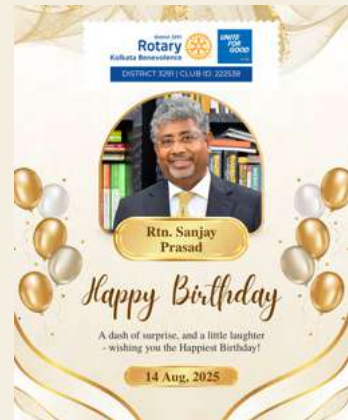
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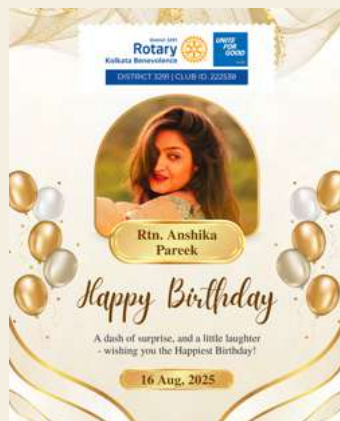
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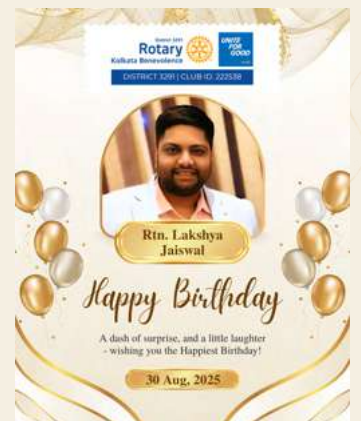
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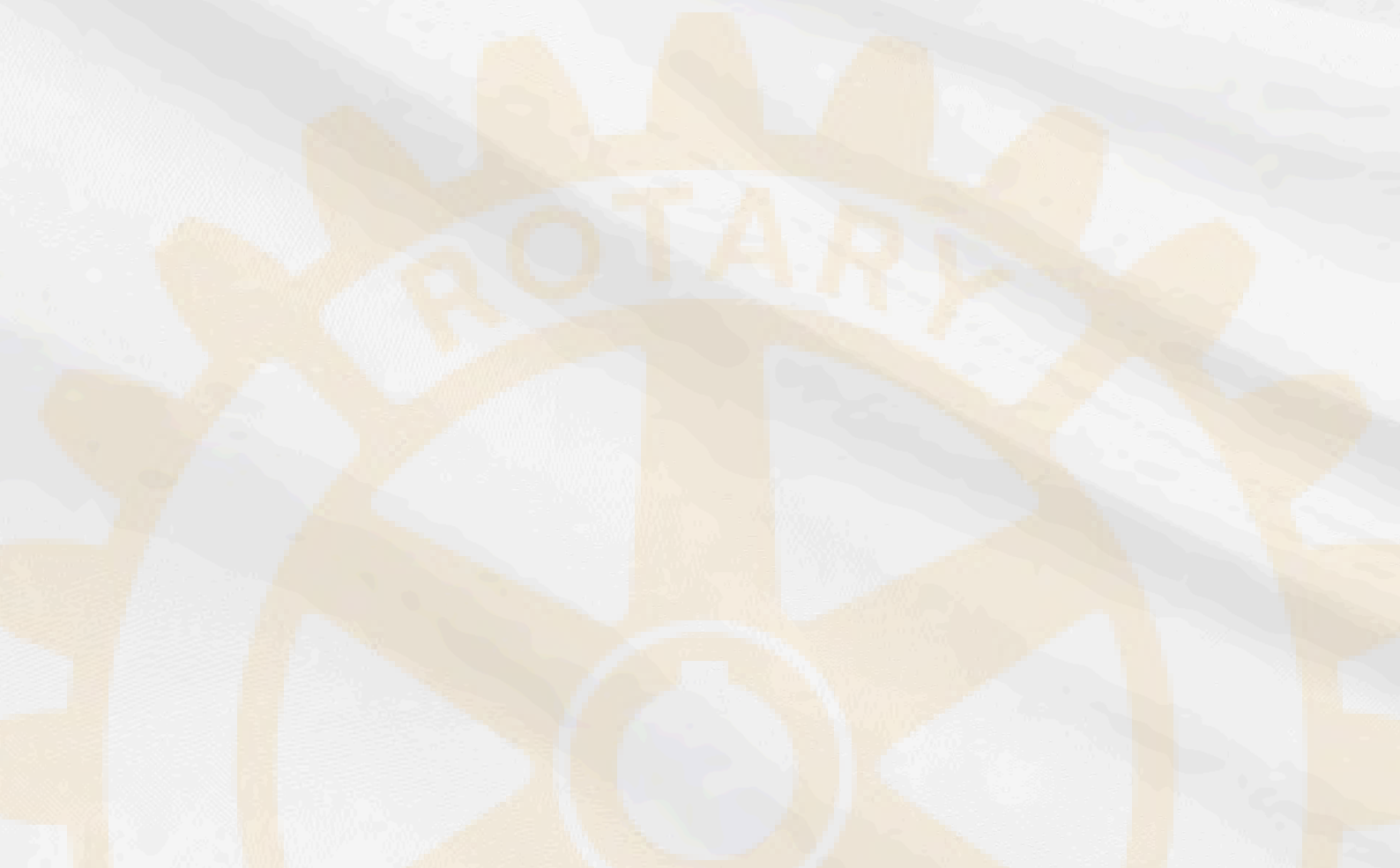
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