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RCCP presented a theatrical evening for a noble cause with 'Typist', a play in Bengali

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Like previous two years, in 2025 also Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers organized a fundraiser with another cultural programme on 18th November at GD Birla Sabhagar, Kolkata. This time it was the Bengali play *Typist* written by the legendary theatre and film actor-director Sri Soumitra Chattopadhyay. *Typist* is an adaptation of *The Typists* by the American playwright Murray Schisgal. The much acclaimed play was presented by Sri Bilu Datta of Shyambazar Mukhomukhi. Directed by Smt. Poulami Chattopadhyay, *Typist* has Sri Debshankar Halder and Smt Poulami Chattopadhyay in the cast.

The story follows the mundane life of two typists in a mail-order office. Over the course of the play, they discuss their lives, ambitions, and frustrations, and they age throughout the narrative. It explores themes of existential boredom, the search for meaning, and the complexities of human relationships.

Typist explores themes of identity, resilience, and the quiet dignity of everyday lives—echoing the very spirit of the Rotary Club's mission to uplift and empower.

This special performance was not just a celebration of Bengali theatre—it was a fundraising initiative to support Bipradaspur School and Digital Learning Center being built in Gosaba, Sundarban. The center will provide education and digital literacy to women and children in remote island where access to learning remains a daily struggle.



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Providing Clean Water

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

How Rotary makes help happen

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

Making schools healthier

All 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs came together — overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions — to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country.

Water for a community

Rotary clubs partnered with local organizations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution center for 4,000 people in Papua New Guinea. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

WASH in Guatemala schools

Rotary clubs in Guatemala improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children in 10 schools in the town of Escuintla by providing toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training.

Water supply in Tanzania

A dozen Rotary clubs collaborated with local partners to establish a water supply and delivery system for 1,500 people in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania. They also taught the community how to maintain the systems and provided hygiene education.

Access to toilets in the Philippines

Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 biosand filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water.

Our impact on water, sanitation and hygiene

The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard:

WASH Global Grant Projects: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.

Rotary-USAID WASH Partnership: Rotary and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance and deliver safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources.

\$24 is all it takes to provide one person with safe water

123 schools in Ghana have gained access to basic sanitation and hygiene services due to the Rotary-USAID partnership

The Rotary Foundation has invested \$ 148 million in water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource management interventions globally.

Help spread the word about Rotary's efforts to provide clean water.

Monthly Projects

THALASSEMIA AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT GARDEN HIGH SCHOOL

The District has pledged to intensify its fight against one of India's most silent yet devastating genetic disorders—thalassemia. In order to make young students aware of the prevention aspect of the dreaded disease RCCP undertook a Thalassemia Awareness Programme at Garden High School, Kolkata, on 4th November 2025. It was attended by the students of IX to XI. Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil gave an audio visual presentation to make the students understand the various aspects of thalassemia and take informed decisions in life regarding the matter.

Led by Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil, the project that took 2 hours to complete and benefitted 80 students, was attended by Rtn Nabanita Khan, Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar, Rtn Sutapa Roy, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Gargee Dutta, Rtn *Sachindra Rao*.



RYLA

RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It is an intensive leadership development programme organized by Rotary clubs and districts for young people aged 14–30 to help them build communication, problem-solving, and professional skills through seminars, camps, or workshops.

There are a lot of benefits of this programme. It helps the young people to connect with leaders in their community and around the world to: build communication and problem-solving skills, discover strategies for becoming dynamic leaders in their schools or communities, learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors. RYLA help to unlock their potential to turn motivation into action and have fun from learning.

RC of Calcutta Samaritans has been successfully organizing “SANHATI RYLA” for the tribal youth in various parts of West Bengal last seven years. In 2025 too, the club was taking the initiative to organize the said event at Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School, Sadar Nagar, Poabagan Road, Bankura, West Bengal, 722 101 on 6th, 7th and 8th November.

On 6th November 2025, RCCP decided to be a co-host of this initiative in order to learn what goes into the organizing of RYLA, with the ambition to holding its own programme in 2026.

The project that cost Rs 5000, benefitted 125 persons and took 36 hours to complete, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Utpal Pal, Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee and Rtn Sachindra Rao. Sasanka Chatterjee, Mahua Sengupta, Aditi Mukherjee and Swapan Roy also attended.



Monthly Projects

PRANADHARA IV, WATER PURIFIER PROJECT

Providing clean drinking water is the least one can do for children. Under the scheme of Rotary Children's Welfare Trust, Rotary Club of Calcutta distributed water purifiers on 9th November, 2025, from Rotary Sadan. The programme was called Pranadhara IV. RCCP collected one water purifier to donate it to Jalaberiya Adibasi School. The project that will benefit 20 persons, took 6 hours to complete, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Utpal Pal and Rtn Sutapa Roy. Mahua Sengupta was also present. Pranadhara is completely in keeping with WASH, Rotary International's significant initiative to provide clean drinking water to all.



The poster features logos for Bengal Beverages Private Limited, Coca-Cola, and Rotary Club of Calcutta. The main title is 'PRANADHARA-IV clean drinking water for schools'. It lists features: 'UV with Copper Zinc Model', '7 stage PURIFICATION', and 'Storage Capacity 10 litres'. It includes a photo of a smiling child and a water purifier. The bottom text states: 'Distribution on 9th November, 2025 at 11 am @ Rotary Sadan', 'ROTARY CHILDREN'S WELFARE TRUST', and 'CSR Activity by BENGAL BEVERAGES PVT LTD'.

CHHONDO 3

This time Chhondo, RCCP's annual fund raising cultural programme was held at GD Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata on 18th November 2025, and the play 'Typist' was staged to mark the occasion. It is a Bengali play adapted by Sri Soumitra Chattopadhyay from The Typists written by American playwright Murray Schisgal in 1963 (published in 1964). This production directed by Poulami Chattopadhyay, was presented by Bilu Datta of Shyambazar Mukhomukhi and has Debshankar Halder and Poulami Chattopadhyay in the cast. There was very positive response from the audience and it was a successful fund raiser for Bipradaspur School and Digital Learning Centre at Sundarbans.

The project that cost Rs 1,00,000, would benefit 250 people, took 200 hours to complete. Chhondo 3 saw active involvement of 20 Rotarians.



HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Siddhanta Mukherjee

8th November

Rtn Shankar Narayan Sengupta

9th November

Rtn Ansuman Basu

13th November

Rtn Arindam Roy Choudhury

17th November

Rtn Sujoy Majumdar

24th November

Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar

25th November

Rtn Partha Narayan Mitra

28th November



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

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Rtn Arindam Roy Chowdhury

Rtn Ansuman Basu

Susmita Sarkar (ext)

Sanjay Singh (ext)

Jibesh Roy Chowdhury (ext)

Aparna Pal (ext)

Rtn Arunava Dasgupta

Rtn Sujoy Majumdar

Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar

Rtn Nabanita Khan

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Upcoming Projects

1. Mallickpur Sewing Machine project
2. Thalassemia awareness camp at South Point High School
3. Thalassemia awareness camp at Gokhale Memorial College
4. WASH project at Sree Sarada Vidyalaya
5. Breast cancer awareness camp, Natagachi, WB
6. Thalassemia detection camp at Gokhale Memorial College
7. Bipradaspur School & Digital Learning Centre

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