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Latest Club news and bulletin updates



January 25, 2026, Sunday

New project executed at Kultali

The latest updates

Club members and their family visited Kultali village in South 24 Parganas to celebrate Pre-Republic Day with the students and teachers of our RCC, Biley Sishu Sikkhya Niketan. We distributed Food packets, Hawaii slippers to 98 children and 6 teachers. Also, 50 Nos. Blankets were distributed among elders of the poor families in the village. The children performed various activities like recitation, song and dance in front of our members. After spending long time with the children, we were taken around the village. We had also handed over 2 Nos. Flood Light to the Principal of the school to be installed on a post on the bandh near the river to protect the village from tiger attack. In the evening after lunch, the members visited nearby Ramakrishna Mission Ashram at Nimpith. We returned to Kolkata late night.



The students of our RCC, Biley Sishu Sikkhya Niketan, Dakshin Garankati, Kultali.

Daily news updates and opinions

My heart calls for charity

Rtn Priyabrata Sikdar

I was drawn to Rotary International because of its unique blend of service, fellowship, and impact. What first caught my attention was the organization's ability to bring together people from diverse backgrounds, united by a common purpose of uplifting society. I admired how Rotary doesn't just focus on charity, but on sustainable projects—whether it's eradicating polio, supporting education, or empowering local communities.

The idea that ordinary individuals could collectively create extraordinary change resonated deeply with me. I found myself inspired by the stories of Rotarians who dedicate their time and skills selflessly and I realized that this was the kind of platform where my own desire to contribute could truly flourish. Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," became more than just words; it felt like a guiding principle that aligned with my values. The opportunity to engage in meaningful initiatives, while also building lifelong connections with like-minded people, made Rotary International not just an organization I admired, but a movement I wanted to be part of.

Then I came in contact with my friend Rtn Raja Satyajit Banerjee who introduced me to a newly forming Rotary Club named Calcutta New Horizons as a Charter Member. In joining, I saw a chance to channel my energy into something larger than myself—helping society in ways that are impactful, enduring, and filled with purpose. Although my professional commitments keep me busy but still, I always stand beside other members of the club and do my part in whatever way I can. I am happy that I did join this club to serve my society.



Sunset from the Matla River Bank at Nimpit, near Kultali.



Projects executed in RY: 2025-2026

The latest updates

Rtn Avik Chatterjee

A complete list of Service Projects executed by the club in RY: 2025-2026.

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Coming soon

A Flagship project coming soon.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Rotarians,

As we reach the halfway mark of this Rotary year, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the journey we have undertaken together. The past six months have been a testament to the spirit of Rotary – service above self, fellowship, and unwavering commitment to making a difference in our community.

We began this year with ambitious goals, and I am delighted to see how our collective efforts have translated into meaningful action. From impactful health camps and educational initiatives to environmental projects and cultural programs, each activity has reflected our club's dedication to uplifting lives and fostering goodwill.

Our fellowship has grown stronger through regular meetings, engaging discussions, and collaborative projects. The camaraderie we share is the foundation of our success, and it inspires us to continue striving for excellence. I am especially proud of the way our members have embraced innovation and inclusivity, ensuring that Rotary remains relevant and vibrant in today's world.

As we look ahead to the next half of the year, let us renew our commitment to service. There are many opportunities awaiting us – to expand our reach, to deepen our impact, and to bring hope where it is needed most. Together, we can continue to be agents of positive change.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each member for your dedication, enthusiasm, and support. Let us move forward with renewed energy, united in purpose, and confident in our ability to make a lasting difference.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn Ranu Gayawer, President-2025-2026, RC Calcutta New Horizons



Rtn Ranu Gayawer

Know your RI President



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
RI President:RY 2026-2027

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, has been selected as the Rotary International President for the 2026-27 term. He will officially take office on July 1, 2026, following the resignation of SangKoo Yun. Babalola's theme for the year is "Create Lasting Impact".

Key Facts About Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola:

Rotary Background: Started as a Rotaractor in 1984, joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi in 1994, and served as District Governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and RI Board member (2018-20).

Professional Background:

An engineer with a 25-year career in the oil and gas industry, including roles at Shell PLC, and founder of two companies.

Focus: He is the second Rotary International president from Africa and is heavily involved with philanthropic work, including serving as a trustee for ShelterBox UK.

Breaking News.....

Rotary International moves Barcelona convention to 2027

BARCELONA (April 6, 2026) – Barcelona, Spain, has been selected to host Rotary's international convention, which is often described by attendees as a mini-United Nations conference, on 26–30 June 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona. This decision enables the city to bring the Rotary community together two years sooner than was recently announced in March.

Based on previous events, the Rotary convention is expected to attract up to 20,000 participants from over 140 countries and generate more than €68 million for the local economy. The Rotary convention in 2027 was originally scheduled to take place in Dubai. Rotary postponed it to a later year due to the current uncertainty in the region. Leaders of the global membership service organization expressed gratitude to its partners in Barcelona for their flexibility and collaboration in accommodating this change.

"With enthusiasm and energy, we are prepared to pivot quickly to host the international convention in 2027," said Sergio Aragón, chair of the Barcelona Host Committee and a member of the Rotary Club Barcelona Diagonal. "We look forward to welcoming our international guests and delivering an exceptional experience."



District 3291 Leaders for next 3 Rotary Years:



Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya
DG, RY: 2026-2027



Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury
DG, RY: 2027-2028



Rtn Brotindra Mullick
DG, RY: 2028-2029



TWEETS

- Three new members joined our club.
- Our club co-hosted the **Vision on Wheels - Beldanga**, a Global Grant Project.
- Thalassaemia Awareness Programme organized at a Book Fair and DG, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhury conducted the Seminar.
- The Club organized a picnic for the members and their families at Neempith.
- Rtn Piyali Basak and Rtn Avik Chatterjee completed their RLI graduation.
- Rtn Avik Chatterjee attended a 1-Day Management Development Programme at IIM-C, Joka.

WELCOME



Rtn Debasish Chandra

Rtn Aritra Basak

Rtn Nandini Bhattacharjee



Rtn. Piyali Basak

Coming back to where I belong.....

The joy of coming back to home

Rejoining my parent club, Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons, after a gap of one and a half years has been both emotional and deeply fulfilling. Being a charter member since its inception in 2022, the club has always held a special place in my heart. Meeting my fellow members again at the 2025 District Program rekindled that old bond and inspired me to reconnect and contribute actively



Though we are a small team of around ten members, the scale and sincerity of our work is remarkable. I personally participated in a *blood test camp at a Government Girls' School in Behala-Barisha, and later organized a similar **blood and eye check-up camp in my own locality. Attending **legal awareness sessions on women's rights* added meaningful dimensions to our service initiatives. One of the most touching experiences was visiting **Kultoli in the Sundarbans**, where we distributed blankets and slippers to nearly 100 students and teachers of a small riverside school near the Matla River.

Beyond service, the fellowship, warmth, and camaraderie make every meeting special. We have also inducted notable social personalities like *Men's Rights Activist Nandini Bhattacharyya* as an Honorary Member and other new members from other works of life.

Our vision now expands toward supporting *men facing marital distress and abandoned senior citizens*, with several awareness programs planned. Coming back truly feels like coming home—with greater purpose and renewed commitment.



At District Recognition RY-2024-2025

From a guest's column: Mrs Sharmistha Chatterjee
Let's all celebrate the puja.....

Sharing happiness with all

It was an emotional moment when we entered through the gates of Premashray, a 525-bed residential facility located in Rajarhat, Kolkata, designed as a "home away from home" for underprivileged cancer patients and their family undergoing treatment at the nearby Tata Medical Centre. Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons decided to spend a few hours on the Navami afternoon to share the festive Durga Puja moods with the residents there. I was invited to join the team visiting there. The club had arranged free lunch for 150 patients and family members.

We reached the place at 11:30 AM. The In charge of the place, Ms Sudeshna Dutt had made all the arrangements to welcome us at the Centre. We talked to some of the child patients of different ages at the visitor lobby. Lunch was served at the canteen at 12:30 PM. Our club members joined the Canteen staffs to oversee the whole lunch process. We came to know that the authorities have arranged for pandal-hopping in the evening for the inmates. We talked about Durga Puja vives, how would they enjoy their pandal-hopping and their new dresses for the Durga Puja.

All inmates were really happy meeting us and sharing their good feelings with us. We kept our soul strong and shared the happiness with them. It was an emotional yet happy afternoon spent well with the GOD's Angel who are otherwise fighting a tough battle in life.

We all prayed to Maa Durga, the Almighty for their happiness and quick cure.



Lunch on Nabami Puja, 2025 organised for Cancer Warriors at Premashray, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata

Annadaan: Lunch on Nabami Puja Day, 2025 was organized for Cancer Warriors at Premashray, Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata.

Faces hidden to protect their identity.

Wishing you all :

January to June

Happy Birthday		
Mr.	Ranu Gayawer	10, May
Mr.	Avik Chatterjee	22, January
Mr.	Niher Ranjan Paul	11, April
Mr.	Jyoti Banerjee	22, June
Ms.	Anwasha Chatterjee	22, June

Happy Anniversary		
Mr.	Ranu Gayawer	10, May
Mr.	Tariq Hussain	16, March
Mr.	Priyabrata Sikdar	20, January
Mr.	Avik Chatterjee	16, February
Mr.	Niher Ranjan Paul	09, February
Mr.	Jyoti Banerjee	07, June
Mr.	Mohim Sarkar	26, January
Ms.	Sudeshna Jana	20, January
Mr.	Debasish Chandra	10, February



DG (RY 2025-2026), Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury is explaining the importance of Thalassemia Awareness at a Book Fair in Dhakuria, the project was organised by RC Calcutta New Horizons.

Rtn Anwesha Chatterjee



The Role of Youth in Rotary International

Rotary International has always stood for service above self, but its future lies in the hands of the youth. Through programs like **Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**, Rotary empowers young people to become leaders, innovators, and global citizens. Their involvement ensures that Rotary remains vibrant, inclusive, and forward-looking.

◆ Leadership Development

Youth are not just participants; they are leaders in the making.

- **Interact Clubs (ages 12–18):** Encourage students to design and lead service projects, cultivating teamwork and ethical leadership.
- **RYLA:** Offers immersive leadership training, equipping young people with confidence, resilience, and decision-making skills.

These platforms nurture tomorrow's leaders while instilling Rotary's values of integrity and service.

◆ Global Understanding

Rotary's **Youth Exchange Program** allows students to live abroad, experience new cultures, and act as ambassadors of peace. These exchanges foster friendships across borders and inspire lifelong commitments to international cooperation. In a world often divided, youth exchanges remind us that peace begins with understanding.

◆ Community Service

Young adults in **Rotaract Clubs (ages 18–30)** lead impactful projects addressing pressing issues such as education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Their creativity and energy bring fresh solutions to long-standing challenges, proving that service can be both innovative and transformative.

◆ Shaping Rotary's Future

Rotary has recognized the importance of youth voices by establishing initiatives like the **Youth Advisory Council**, ensuring that young perspectives influence Rotary's programs and policies. This inclusion guarantees that Rotary evolves with the aspirations of the next generation, embracing diversity, sustainability, and digital engagement.

Youth Contributions at a Glance

Area	Youth Contribution	Impact
Leadership	Interact & RYLA	Builds confidence, teamwork, ethical leadership
Global Exchange	Youth Exchange	Promotes peace, cultural understanding
Community Service	Rotaract	Innovative solutions to local/global issues
Policy Influence	Youth Advisory Council	Ensures Rotary remains relevant and inclusive

◆ Conclusion

The role of youth in Rotary International is not supportive—it is **transformative**. By leading service projects, engaging in global exchanges, and shaping policy, young people ensure Rotary remains a force for good in the world. Their voices, energy, and vision are shaping Rotary into a more inclusive and impactful organization for generations to come.

If you want to get involved in a good cause for the society, extend your arm towards:

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 Kolkata - 700013, West Bengal
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 IFSC Code : BDBL0002642
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Projects executed in RY: 2025-2026 (till 31.3.2026)



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Rotary Garden, Kolkata 1st July 2025

Completed Basic

District Blood Donation Camp

Blood Donation Camp supported by 54 Clubs of Dist 3291 & The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecology Society

Location: India | Start Date: 01 July 2025 | End Date: 01 July 2025 | Project Language: English



Completed Intermediate

Rokto Karabi

Few blood tests were conducted free of cost to the students of a girl's school in Behala

Location: India | Start Date: 28 July 2025 | End Date: 29 July 2025 | Project Language: English



Completed

Intermediate

Rokto Karabi-2

Few blood tests were conducted free of cost to the local residents of Phoolbagan Ganesh Temple area.

Location: India | Start Date: 14 September 2025 | End Date: 15 September 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed

Intermediate

Bastradaan

Providing new clothes to Cancer fighters at Premashray (Tata Medical Centre) before Durga Puja

Location: India | Start Date: 19 September 2025 | End Date: 19 September 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed

Intermediate

Annadan

Lunch provided to Cancer fighters at Premashray (Tata Medical Centre) on the Navami day of Durga Puja

Location: India | Start Date: 01 October 2025 | End Date: 01 October 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed

Funded by Rotary Grant

Advanced

Vision on Wheels-Beldanga

RCCNH with lead host RC Calcutta launched Vision Van for providing eye care services in Beldanga

Location: India | Start Date: 12 October 2025 | End Date: 12 October 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed Intermediate

3Ps of Brain Stroke

A Webiner on Prediction, Precaution & Prevention of Brain Stroke was organised to make ppl cautious

Location: India | Start Date: 06 December 2025 | End Date: 06 December 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed Intermediate

Mukti

Seminar on Awareness & prevention of Thalassemia Conducted by DG, Dr. R. Homchoudhury

Location: India | Start Date: 08 December 2025 | End Date: 08 December 2025 |

Project Language: English



Completed Advanced

Open Door 2.0

A first of its kind street carnival to provide a platform to remove societal barriers btn children.

Location: India | Start Date: 18 January 2026 | End Date: 18 January 2026 | Project Language: English



Completed Advanced

Project Kultali

Pre-Republic Day celebration with students and teachers of our RCC, Biley Sishu Sikkhya Niketan

Location: India | Start Date: 25 January 2026 | End Date: 25 January 2026 | Project Language: English



Completed Basic

Walkathon for Thalassemia Awareness

Our club participated in the programme on 1st February, 2026

Location: India | Start Date: 01 February 2026 | End Date: 01 February 2026 |

Project Language: English



Completed Intermediate

Aastha - Happy living by Senior Citizens

A symposium on Happy living by Senior Citizens - a talk show by eminent experts of the society.

Location: India | Start Date: 20 March 2026 | End Date: 20 March 2026 | Project Language: English

.....and many more to come.

Coming soon.....

Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons District 3291 | Purva Medical Trust Navi Mumbai | Millennium City Rotary Club District 3142

Jointly presents

Brainline
Awareness. Access. Affordability.

A Mission to Spread Brain Stroke Prevention Awareness

Brainline, brought to you jointly by Rotary Clubs of **Calcutta New Horizons** and **Millennium City**, is a social initiative by **Purva Medical Trust, Navi Mumbai**, dedicated to educate individuals and communities about brain stroke prevention. Our approach is built on the AAA — **Awareness, Access, and Affordability** — to predict chances of Brain Stroke, take necessary precautions and in worst cases, ensure timely recognition of symptoms and risk factors, especially within the golden hour.



Dr. Ashok Hande, MS, M.Ch (Neurosurgery)
Renowned Neurosurgeon & Founder, Brainline

With decades of experience in neurosurgery and a deep-rooted commitment to public service, Dr. Hande founded Brainline with a singular vision—to empower brain stroke patients with timely help, awareness, and access to advanced care. His leadership is driven by compassion, integrity, and a mission to transform lives through early intervention and education. Under his guidance, Brainline is creating a future where stroke risk can be detected early by education and by assessing the risk factors. The Brainline Riskometer takes clinical, a few blood tests, genetic and environmental factors into consideration and is extremely unique, specially designed for Indian scenario.

Dr. Hande is also a proud member of the World Stroke Organization and continues to contribute globally to stroke awareness and research.

Interested Citizens may carry out the above tests from a reputed Pathological Laboratory and email us the reports at rotarycalcuttanewhorizons@gmail.com. We will get a detailed analysis of the reports and further suggestions from Dr. Ashok Hande, absolutely **FREE OF COST**.

Calcutta New Horizons Rotary Club

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Handing over of 2 Nos. Sewing Machines
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at

Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association

13th April, 2026; 2:00 PM onwards

.....and many more

Bouquet of Projects



Rtn Avik Chatterjee
Facing challenges in rotary
 A fact checks

Rotary Clubs today face significant challenges such as declining membership, staying relevant in a fast-changing world, leadership continuity, and adapting to modern expectations of transparency and impact. Addressing these issues is critical for sustaining Rotary’s mission of service and fellowship.

◆ **Key Challenges in Running Rotary Clubs**

1. Membership Decline

- **Recruitment & Retention:** Many clubs struggle to attract younger members due to perceptions of Rotary being traditional or outdated.
- **Engagement:** Existing members sometimes feel disconnected if projects don’t align with their interests.
- **Solution:** Clubs need to modernize their activities, highlight impact stories, and use digital platforms to engage youth and professionals.

2. Staying Relevant

- **Changing Social Landscape:** Service organizations must adapt to new community needs, such as climate action, digital literacy, and inclusivity.
- **Competition:** Other NGOs and social groups often appear more agile and innovative.
- **Solution:** Rotary must embrace innovation, collaborate with modern organizations, and align projects with global priorities like sustainability.

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3. Leadership Continuity

- **Short Terms:** Rotary’s leadership rotates annually, which brings fresh ideas but can disrupt long-term planning.
- **Pressure on Leaders:** District and club leaders often face unrealistic expectations from senior leadership, creating stress and inefficiency.
- **Solution:** Clubs should build strong succession plans, mentor future leaders, and balance continuity with innovation.

4. Organizational Agility

- **Slow Decision-Making:** Rotary’s large structure can make it difficult to respond quickly to emerging opportunities.
- **Solution:** Empower local clubs with more autonomy, encourage experimentation, and streamline bureaucracy.

5. Transparency & Trust

- **Fund Allocation Concerns:** Some critics highlight lack of clarity in how funds are used, which can undermine trust.
- **Solution:** Clear reporting, measurable impact metrics, and open communication with communities can strengthen credibility.

Final Thoughts

Running a Rotary Club today requires balancing tradition with innovation. Youth engagement, digital transformation, and transparent impact reporting are essential to overcoming challenges. Rotary’s strength lies in its global network and values of service—if clubs adapt effectively, they can continue to thrive and remain a powerful force for community development.

BBQ Fundraisers

Helping the community

What you see before joining

What you see once you join

Teamwork and communication skills

Opportunities for collaboration and networking

New friendships and connections

International aid, travel and worldwide friendships

Speaking and professional development opportunities

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Men's Rights, Rotary & beyond.....

MRA Rtn Nandini Bhattacharjee

Sharing a glimpse of my journey with the Men's Forum—something that started as a small but determined initiative in 2017 and has now grown into a meaningful platform working across Bengal.

When I began this Forum, my vision was simple—to create a space where voices could be heard, awareness could be built, and conversations could lead to real change. Over the years, with consistent effort and the support of incredible people, the Forum has expanded its reach across Bengal, conducting programs that foster engagement, understanding, and impact. Today, we have associates in every district of

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Bengal who are ready to support victims, along with a strong legal network spread across PAN India.

This journey has been one of dedication, resilience, and continuous learning. What started as an idea has gradually become a movement, and I am grateful to everyone who has been a part of it.

Adding a personal note to this journey—my association with Rotary has been equally enriching. I joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Old City in 2005, and later became part of another club in 2013 after returning to Kolkata from Delhi. My husband had the honour of being the Charter President of the Rotary Club of New Town. Continuing this journey, I experienced a true sense of homecoming when I rejoined Rotary through the **Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons** – reconnecting with a platform that has always inspired service, leadership, and meaningful impact.

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What makes this chapter even more special is the vision we are moving forward with—something that Rotary has rarely explored. While Rotary has traditionally done remarkable work for women and their welfare, through New Horizons we aim to expand that impact by actively working for men's rights as well as the welfare and dignity of senior citizens. It is about creating a more inclusive approach—where every voice is heard, every concern is acknowledged, and every section of society finds support.

Here's to many more milestones, meaningful initiatives, and continued growth together.

MRA Rotarian Nandini Bhattacharjee
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