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Newsletter of Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons

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MESSAGE FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

My Dear Friends,

It is with a heart full of gratitude and pride that I stand before you today for the last time as the President of our beloved Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons. This year has been a remarkable journey, filled with challenges, triumphs, and countless memories that I will cherish forever.

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment. Together, we have achieved so much impactful community service projects, successful events, and meaningful partnerships that have strengthened our bonds and extended our reach.

Reflecting on our achievements, I am reminded of the incredible power of teamwork and the shared passion we all have for making a positive difference. Our collective efforts have touched many lives and made our community a better place.

As I pass the baton to our incoming President Avik da, I am filled with confidence and hope. Avik da, your vision, leadership, and enthusiasm are truly inspiring. I have no doubt that under your guidance, our club will soar to even greater heights. You bring fresh ideas and a renewed energy that will undoubtedly propel us forward.

To the new board and all members, I urge you to continue working together with the same spirit of camaraderie and service that has always defined us. Let us remain committed to our Rotary ideals of service above self, fostering goodwill, and building lasting friendships.

As I step down, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the honour of serving as your President. It has been a privilege and a joy to lead such a remarkable group of individuals. I am forever grateful for the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the impact we have made together.

In closing, let us remember that our work is never done. There are always new challenges to face and more lives to touch. Let us continue to be a beacon of hope and a force for good in our community and beyond. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for this incredible journey. Here's to a future filled with promise and possibility.

With our new President, I congratulate all our incoming new Team Members for the year 2024-25 and wish to have more vibrant year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rtn Avik Chatterjee



CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

The RY 2024-2025 had been a remarkable year for our club. We survived many odds and marched forward with flying colours.

We executed 14 projects during the year and our efforts were acknowledged by District officials. Our club received two awards: 2nd prize in the category of Thalassemia Awareness and Detection and 3rd prize in the category of Literacy – (other than Dist. projects). Also, our IPP, Rtn. Avik Chatterjee was recognised as Outstanding Club President – RY 2024-2025.

Looking ahead to the RI **2025-2026**, I am confident that we will continue to grow and achieve great heights together. We have several exciting plans for community outreach programs. At the same time, we will enjoy our fellowship and build up a strong bonding with each other members. At the very beginning of the year, our club inducted few more members.

I encourage each one of you to embrace the new Rotary year with enthusiasm and optimism. Let us continue to foster a supportive and inclusive environment where we can learn, grow, and achieve our goals together.

Wishing you all a Rotary year filled with joy, success, and happiness.

Sincerely,
Rtn. Ranu Gayawer

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA NEW HORIZONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RY: 2025-2026



Rtn Ranu Gayawer
President



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Secretary



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Rtn Priyabrata Sikdar
Treasurer



Rtn Piyali Basak
Director – Service Project



Rtn Mohim Sarkar
Director - Foundation



Rtn Abhijit Dey
Director - Membership



Rtn Anwesha Chatterjee
Director – Public Image



Rtn Tariq Hussain
Advisor

ACTIVITY SHOWCASE (2024-2025)

Club Regular Meetings:

27



District Programs, Seminars, Projects Meetings etc:

19



Projects:

15



SERVICE PROJECTS OF RY 2024-2025

Sl	Focus Area	Sub-Area	Date of Project	Beneficiary	Location	Remarks	Project Status
1	Maternal and child health	Awareness Programme on "Cancer in Women"	03-09-2024	Lady Brabourne College	Kolkata-700017	RC Calcutta Charnock City along with other co-hosts and associate hosts had organized a Seminar on Awareness programme on "Cancer in Women" for the benefit of female students of Lady Brabourne College.	Associate Host
2	Basic education and literacy	SIKSHA Labh-2: Distribution of Computer Desktop	13-09-2024	Eastern Metropolitan Academy	Picnic Garden Road, 700039	RC Calcutta New Horizons with assistance from RC Calcutta under their SIKSHA Labh-2 project donated two numbers of Computer Desktop with Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse along with UPS for the Computer class of the school, E M Academy.	Host
3	Supporting the environment	Sundari-I: Child Hygiene and health	21-09-2024	Nivarani Smriti Pathshala Kumirmari Gram Panchayat Gosaba, Sundarban Coastal Area Kumirmari, West Bengal, 743378	Kumirmari, West Bengal, 743378	Rotary Club of Calcutta New Horizons executed a Service Project in Kumirmari Island, located in the Sundarbans Coastal region of West Bengal. RC Calcutta New Horizons distributed new T-shirts made from special breathable fabrics to 40 children of Nivarani Smriti Pathshala, an education centre for children of the area run by Kumirmari Samaj Kalyan Sangha.	Host
4	Maternal and child health	Sundari-II: Child health: Physical and Mental	21-09-2024	Nivarani Smriti Pathshala Kumirmari Gram Panchayat Gosaba, Sundarban Coastal Area Kumirmari, West Bengal, 743378	Kumirmari, West Bengal, 743378	RC Calcutta New Horizons distributed 2 Nos. Soccer Balls and 12 Nos of Badminton racket with Feather shuttlecocks fabrics to 40 children of Nivarani Smriti Pathshala, an education centre for children of the area run by Kumirmari Samaj Kalyan Sangha.	Host
5	Disease prevention and treatment	Sundari-III: Disease Prevention: Vector-borne Disease	21-09-2024	Nivarani Smriti Pathshala Kumirmari Gram Panchayat Gosaba, Sundarban Coastal Area Kumirmari, West Bengal, 743378		RC Calcutta New Horizons distributed Mosquito Nets to 50 mothers of the area. Regular use of these mosquito nets will help these families to protect themselves from mosquito bites and avoid diseases like malaria and dengue.	Host
6	Disease prevention and treatment	Swastha Sudha: Health assistance to weaker society	04-11-2024	PdX Research Labs	Kasba and Bangur Avenue	We launched our most prestigious and sustainable project, Swastha Sudha , in collaboration of PdX Research Labs (under CSR assistance from Indian Bank) wherein we provide FREE Pathological tests of any sort to the under-privileged people of the society. Initially, we are conducting the Free Camps at Kasba on Saturdays, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and at Bangur Avenue on Sundays, 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon The Kasba unit was inauguration was attended by District dignitaries including Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, DG, Rtn. Rajani Mukherjee, Rtn. Purnendu Roy Choudhury, Rtn. Sourish Choudhury, Rtn. Anand Sharma and Rtn. Pushpita	Host

						Sharma. The Bangur Avenue was inaugurated in the later hours of the day. We made elaborate awareness arrangements in the areas for the local people to take advantage of the facility.	
7	Peacebuilding and conflict prevention	Gyanankur: Education awareness	09-12-2024	2nd Dakshin Purba Kolkata Sammilan Book Fair	Dhakuria	Some of our members attended the Book Fair and Rtn. Avik Chatterjee, President-RY 2024-2025 presented a lecture on importance to book reading by young generation in the modern digital times of ebooks and podcast. He also talked about our project Swastha Sudha for the poor people of the area.	Host
8	Peacebuilding and conflict prevention	Community leadership development	13-12-2024	Chamrusai Premananda Ashram Society, Dhyana Ashram	Konchowki - 743503	We co-hosted the RYLA organised by Calcutta Charnock City with a contribution of USD 36.6 on 13-15/12/2024	Associate Host
9	Water, sanitation, and hygiene	Pranadhara-I: Prevention of water borne disease	18-12-2024	Galashia Sevak Sangha Free Primary School	Rajarhat	1 No. Water Purifier was handed over to the students of the school. The school is run by some enthusiastic people of the locality and the condition of the school is very precarious. The students were facing difficulty in drinking water and the water purifier will help them get access to pure and clean drinking water.	Host
10	Basic education and literacy	Sagar Sangam-I: Child Health care and Literacy support	28-12-2024	JSSS Foundation	Sagar Island, Sundarban	Our club tied up with JSSS Foundation and is planning to adopt the small school for its betterment. For the purpose, the club members travelled to Sagar Island in the Sundarban areas of West Bengal. Blankets, Food material and chocolates were distributed among the school children.	Host
11	Water, sanitation, and hygiene	Pranadhara-II: Prevention of water borne disease	06-01-2025	Haltu High School for Boys	Haltu, 700078	1 No. Water Purifier was handed over to the Head master of the school. The school is partly aided by Govt. of West Bengal but the condition of the school is very precarious.	Host
12	Supporting the environment	Suswastha: Protection from cold and insect carried disease	06-01-2025	Universal Smile - Children Care Unit	Anandapur, 700107	Mosquito Nets and Blanket distribution at an orphanage, Universal Smile – Children Care Unit on 6.1.2025. The orphanage takes care of 37 children, both boys and girls of different age group.	Host
13	Maternal and child health	Jeevan Dhara-I: Treatment of Thalassemia	06-01-2025	Universal Smile - Children Care Unit	Anandapur, 700107	One small girl child at the orphanage is suffering from Thalassemia and need blood transfusion every 3 months. We took up the matter with Rotary District Thalassemia Chair and made special arrangements for the patient at Medical College & Hospital for free treatment.	Host

14	Disease prevention and treatment	Jeevan Dhara-II: Financial Assistance for medical treatment	21-02-2025	Mr. Sandeep Sambaji Sutar	Pune, Maharashtra	The beneficiary along with his wife and son had suffered from COVID twice in the year 2020 & 2021 and was admitted in the ICU in both the occasions. He is severely affected with bone deterioration due to heavy steroid doses. So he had to go for Right leg Hip replacement . The patient is going through severe financial crisis due to already huge expenses in ICU in the previous occasions. He is the only earning member in the family. Our club assisted him with a small contribution during his operation.	Host
15	Basic education and literacy	Happy School		Swami Satyananda Bidyamandir	Lalgarh, Jhargram	Sinking of deep tube well and pumping up safe drinking water; Putting up an 1.5 KW solar panel with inverter to run the pump and 5 sets of fan and light; Construction of hand-wash area; Renovation of toilets; Addition of some school benches and desks. Beautification and refurbishment of the school and the classrooms.	Co-Host

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS (July to December)

Our Heros of RY: 2024-2025



Rtn. J. Banerjee



Rtn. Piyali Basak

A very special mention about our above members for their outstanding efforts, dedication and sincere participation in all the service projects executed in the last Rotary year (2024-2025).

WELCOME	
1. Rtn. Abhijit Dey	1.7.2025
2. Rtn. Mohim Sarkar	1.7.2025
3. Rtn. Aritra Basak	10.8.2025
4. Rtn. Pratim Das	17.8.2025
5. Rtn. Sudeshna Jana	15.9.2025

ANNIVERSARY	
1. Rtn. Pratim Das	29 th July
2. Rtn. Abhijit Dey	4 th December
3. Rtn. Aritra Basak	11 th December

HBD 2 U	
1. Rtn. Tariq Hussain	16 th July
2. Rtn. Sudeshna Jana	24 th July
3. Rtn. Abhijit Dey	2 nd August
4. Rtn. Aritra Basak	1 st September
5. Rtn. Mohim Sarkar	26 th September
6. Rtn. Piyali Basak	20 th October
7. Rtn. Priyabrata Sikdar	22 nd November

Club's PHF	
1. Rtn. Luv Agarwal	26-Nov-2022
2. Rtn. Avik Chatterjee	18-Jul-2025

DISTRICT CITATIONS



2nd Award in Group A
Thalassaemia Awareness & Detection

OUR CLUB WAS ADJUDGED 2ND BEST IN GROUP-A: **THALASSEMIA AWARENESS AND DETECTION** CATEGORY FOR OUR **SWASTHA SUDHA** PROJECT.



3rd Award in Group A
Literacy (Other than District Project)

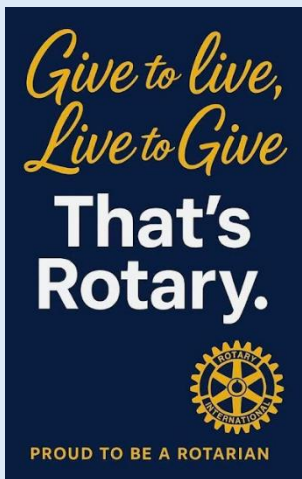
OUR CLUB WAS ADJUDGED 3RD BEST IN GROUP-A: **LITERACY (OTHER THAN DISTRICT PROJECT)** CATEGORY FOR OUR **GYANANKUR** PROJECT.



Outstanding President
Rtn Avik Chatterjee

OUR CLUB PRESIDENT, RTN. AVIK CHATTERJEE WAS ADJUDGED AN OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT FOR HIS EVENTFUL TENURE IN RY: 2024-2025.

HE HAS ALSO QUALIFIED AS **PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (PHF)** ON 18TH JULY, 2025 FOR CONTRIBUTING **\$1000+** TO THE RI FOUNDATION.



HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Our 1.2-million-member organization started with the vision of one man - Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations. Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs. In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922. By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later. As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: "Service Above Self". During World War II, many clubs were forced to disband, while others stepped up their service efforts to provide emergency relief to victims of the war. In 1942, looking ahead to the postwar era, Rotarians called for a conference to promote international educational and cultural exchanges. This event inspired the founding of UNESCO. In 1989, the organization voted to admit women into clubs worldwide and now claims more than 282,550 female members (as of 2nd July 2021) in its ranks. Today there are around 11,67,000 Rotarians with over 37,000 Rotary clubs in 534 Rotary districts in 220 countries and geographical areas (as of 2nd July 2021).

Extract of Club By-Laws:

Article 5 Meetings

- Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.
- Section 2 — This club meets as follows: Every fortnight, 2nd and 4th on Friday at 4 pm, either physical at the decided venue or in online mode using Zoom meeting. In an extra ordinary situation, reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.
- Section 3 — Board meetings are held each month on the last day of the month at 4 pm either physically or virtually. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two board members.

Article 6 Dues

There will be a joining fee of Rs. 10,000/- to be paid at the time of joining the club by a member. Annual subscription charges are Rs. 12,000/- (Twelve Thousand), which shall be paid in the month of July every year. It may be paid in two instalments (Rs. 6,000/- in July and Rs. 6,000/- in January). Annual subscription charges may be collected on pro rata basis for the new members joining the club.

The annual subscription charges include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to an official **magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment. In addition to the above, the Club may unanimously decide any other fees to be imposed upon the members if so necessary.**



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