

# From The Pen of Editor



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GOOD

We are, in many ways, prisoners of modern city life—captives of a predictable rhythm. Each day begins with tumbling out of bed, racing to the workplace, getting consumed by work, and returning only to repeat the same cycle for survival. Like hamsters on a wheel, we run endlessly, often without pausing to question the purpose of the race. As if this relentless routine were not pinching enough, we added additional trappings of Rotary in our life.

When RCSS was formed, Rotary did seem like an additional obligation. Over time, however, our understanding evolved. We realized that Rotary is far more than RFMs and District events. It is, at its core, a bridge—one that connects us to people we would otherwise never meet. It gently pushes us out of our comfort zones and places us face to face with lives that run parallel to ours yet remain largely unseen.

Through Rotary projects, we encountered a vast spectrum of humanity: mill workers living across our housing society, darwans, hawkers, handcart and rickshaw pullers, and those who earn their livelihood by scavenging the waste mounds of Dhapa. We met underprivileged adults and children whose innocence and joy persist despite deprivation. We reached the hinterlands of the Sundarbans, where potable water is a distant dream, a concrete house is a luxury beyond imagination, and schoolchildren attend classes without school bags or books. In these homes, two square meals a day are a rarity; winters are spent wrapped in cardboard boxes; and a blanket or mosquito net becomes a treasured possession. We met differently abled individuals for whom even a wheelchair is unaffordable. To meet these people and having a glimpse their lives was not just an experience—it was a revelation.

Rotary advocates sustainability, empowerment of the underprivileged, and community economic development; mere charity, it teaches us, is not the end goal. Yet, as we observed these lives closely, we realized that when people are struggling for basic necessities, a single act of generosity can be life-changing. Sometimes, definitions become too narrow. What is labelled as “charity” may, in fact, be empowerment in disguise—a stepping stone toward dignity and self-reliance. Essentials received as charity often act as intermediate tools for survival, learning, skill development, and eventual earning. Above all, they ignite hope and reaffirm the belief that society values them. Books, spectacles, sweaters, crayons, school bags, sewing machines, wheelchairs—all belong to this category.

The impact is mutual. While these initiatives support the receivers, they also transform the givers by nurturing compassion and humility.

Somewhere between waking up, running, and working, we begin to grow—by comparing lives and recognizing the futility of the rat race we so blindly pursue.

RCSS has made meaningful contributions across all these areas. We distributed 50 mosquito nets to needy individuals during a program organized by RCC Salt Lake Sahu Samaj at Sukanta Nagar Bheri. Children's Day was celebrated with nearly 200 underprivileged students of Khanberia Primary School, where we arranged their mid-day meal and distributed gift hampers filled with goodies. The school's broken windows were also repaired by RCSS. We organized the distribution of a wheelchair and two sewing machines to the most needy beneficiaries of Sunderban Area.

Aligned with Rotary District programs and with a focus on spreading awareness about Thalassemia, RCSS organized an essay competition for students of Surah Kanya Vidyalaya school, followed by prize distribution. Cervical Cancer free vaccination to 74 students of Surah Kanya Vidyalaya was completed. On World Polio Day, a District-level seminar was held at Rotary Sadan, where our club proudly served as a co-host. RCSS was felicitated for being a member of the Polio Plus Society of the District, and we displayed the Polio Day message at City Centre to amplify awareness.

RCSS also sponsored an event to felicitate and support blind boys and girls participating in a four-day selection-cum-training camp for a football tournament in Jamshedpur. We flagged them off at Howrah Railway Station, distributing bread, cakes, and other edibles to cheer them on.

Alongside these initiatives, we have diligently fulfilled our RFM and statutory responsibilities. The Club Officers Learning Seminar (COLS) and Board of Directors meeting were conducted on 31.10.25 under the guidance of the Assistant Governor and Zonal Secretary of the District. A novel flagship initiative of our club—a regular yoga session—is conducted by one of our devoted members for students of Surah Kanya Vidyalaya school.

Such programs instill discipline of body and mind at a young age, especially for those who otherwise cannot afford such opportunities.

From initial hesitation to wholehearted immersion, Rotary has become an integral part of our lives—and we, in turn, have become a part of the lives of those in need around us. What began as an obligation has transformed into a calling.

Cheers to RCSS!

Warm wishes

Yours in Rotary

Rtn Manoj Mishra

# From The Desk of President



*Dear Esteemed Members,*

*In last edition, I emphasized on Membership. In this edition, I would like to talk about ROTARY ACTION PLAN. The Action Plan comes with tools we can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.*

*The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help us work toward that vision and create effective change within our club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in our club.*

*That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.*

*Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.*

*The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to "US".*

*WE create the magic and Unite for Good with every project completed, every rupee donated, and every new member inducted.*

*Warm Wishes  
Yours in Rotary*

*Rtn Debasish Bhattacharjee*



# Presidential Message

## Francesco Arezzo



In President Francesco's December 2025 Newsletter, talks about this month issue being all about happiness and during Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, he highlights our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental health. It is called friendship. He says that "fellowship gives us the courage and means to create lasting change in the world." He encourages us to let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

### To Health and Happiness

This month's special issue of Rotary magazine is all about happiness, that most elemental of human yearnings. More than a feeling, though, this state of positive well-being, and the conditions necessary to create and sustain it, should be considered a universal right.

December also marks Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, when we highlight our members' work to promote health and wellness, including mental wellness. Globally, nearly 1 in 7 people have a mental health disorder, according to a recent World Health Organization report. Yet only 9 percent of people with depression receive adequate treatment.

We are fortunate in Rotary to have a powerful way to support emotional well-being and happiness: friendship. The connections we build in Rotary can be a powerful force for change. I know this from personal experience.

Rotary can answer that call by championing mental health awareness in our clubs, working with local health systems, funding training for community health workers, and supporting initiatives that bring care to places where none exists. Even small investments in mental health yield enormous returns in productivity, public health, and happiness.

As we transition to a new year filled with new possibilities, let us Unite for Good — for healing, friendship, and access to happiness.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International



# Rotary



## UNITE FOR GOOD



### BIRTH DAYS

3rd Nov - PP Rtn Meenakshi Bhargava

29th Nov- Rtn Sumeet Agarwal

29th Nov- Rtn Anjali Pareek

### ANNIVERSARIES

23rd Nov - Rtn Sharad & Rtn Priti Singhi

26th Nov - Rtn Sumeet & Manisha Agarwal

27th Nov - Rtn Manoj & Vineeta Mishra

2nd Dec - Rtn Raja & Anindita Bhattacharjee

6th Dec - Rtn Indranil & Jayita Chakraborty





# Glimpses of Club Services

DISTRICT BIJOYA & DIWALI GET TOGETHER (ROSHNAI) DATED 01.11.2025



RCSS participated in the District 3291 bijoya diwali meet. It was filled with camaraderie, fellowship and the vibrant Rotary spirit. The music was electrifying, food was delicious and atmosphere was brimming with warmth and joy.

## RFM DATED 14.11.25



Agenda: 1. Presidents Report 2. Secretary Report 3. Any other topic with permission of the chair

## ONLINE RFM DATED 26.11.25

Agenda: 1. Presidents Report 2. Secretary Report  
3. Any other topic with permission of the chair





# Glimpses of Club Services

RFM DATED 13.12.2025

Agenda: 1. Presidents Report  
2. Secretary Report  
3. Any other topic with permission of the chair



COLS & BOD DATED 31.10.25



2. Secretary Report
3. COLS by AG & ZS
4. Any other topics discussion with permission from chair



# Glimpses of Community Services

27

PROJECTS

2,217

BENEFICIARIES

1,33,892

COST

158

MAN HOURS

18

MEMBERS

602

TRF (USD)

## Childrens Day Celebration - 14th Nov 2025

Childrens Day was celebrated at Khanaberia F.P.School with 185 students. Drawing was conducted and foodies with crayons were distributed. Mid Day meal was also provided. The beauty of innocence, the lightness of being unaware, the far far distance from deceit and shrewdness, loads of glitter in their eyes. The joy was immense



## School Renovation - 29th Nov 2025

2 nos class room windows were replaced with aluminium frame and clear hard plastic sheets with grills for replacing the broken windows of the school. This was safety of the students. School- Khanaberia F.P.School in Dhapa Area





# Glimpses of Community Services

## Distribution of Sewing Machines - 11th Dec 2025

RC of Kolkata Subhash Sarovar distributed 2 nos Sewing machines as received from RC of Calcutta to beneficiaries of Sunderban area for training women for self sustenance [atmanirvartha]



## Distribution of Wheel Chair - 11th Dec 2025

RC of Kolkata Subhash Sarovar distributed 1 no wheel chair as received from RC of Calcutta to beneficiaries of Sunderban area. Wheel Chair was for a person who lost her leg due to tiger menace.



## Thalassemia Awareness Award- 11th Dec 2025

RC of Kolkata Subhash Sarovar appreciated and felicitated students of Surah Kanya Vidyalaya for there outstanding write up on Thalassemia depicting there passion, knowledge and awareness. End thalassemia badges, pens and awareness leaflets were distributed for spreading the awareness to their fellow students of the school





## Glimpses of Community & Public Image

### Blanket Distribution- 30th Dec 2025

*RCSS distributed subsidized blankets (50 nos) to beneficiaries of Lake District Complex consisting of security, housekeeping and maintenance personnel to wither the cold weather. It was received with smile and happiness which was the reason for our clubs service for the needy*



### Thalessamia Awareness Campaign International - 16th Dec 2025

*Thalassemia awareness being spread by our club member & Joint Secretary Rtn Manish Bharagava at Le Havre, France*

