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Message from the President

AI & Rotary: Service Above Self in the Age of Intelligence

What is AI, and Why It Matters

AI refers to technologies that enable machines to learn, analyze data, and make decisions. From healthcare diagnostics to disaster response and education, AI is already shaping how we solve complex global challenges—many of which align directly with Rotary's areas of focus.

AI and Rotary's Areas of Focus

- **Disease Prevention & Treatment:** AI helps predict disease outbreaks, improve diagnostics, and accelerate medical research—supporting efforts like Polio eradication.
 - **Education & Literacy:** Personalized learning tools powered by AI can help bridge educational gaps, especially in underserved communities.
 - **Water & Sanitation:** AI-driven data analysis can optimize water management systems and predict shortages.
 - **Economic Development:** AI can empower small businesses with insights, market access, and efficiency tools.
- Opportunities for Rotary Clubs - Rotary clubs can harness AI in practical ways:
- Improve outreach and communication through smarter content and engagement tools
 - Use data to better understand community needs and measure impact
 - Collaborate with local organizations using technology for social good
 - Host speaker sessions or workshops on AI awareness and ethics

Ethical Responsibility: Rotary's Role

With innovation comes responsibility. Rotary's guiding principles—especially The Four-Way Test—are more relevant than ever:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

AI must be used in ways that are transparent, inclusive, and aligned with human values. Rotary can play a vital role in ensuring technology serves humanity—not the other way around. A Call to Action:

Let us embrace AI not just as a tool, but as an enabler of greater service. By staying informed, fostering dialogue, and exploring innovative applications, Rotary clubs can lead the way in using technology to create lasting, positive change.

Updates from Club Initiatives and Projects

This month we executed the following and also some of our forthcoming projects

1. Submission of EIRWT application for MGIS
2. Inauguration of PFT machine in collaboration with an International Partner [Rotary Club in USA] - upcoming
3. AG and DG Visits - upcoming
4. Final dosage of HPV vaccination for cervical cancer prevention to identified students of Baghbazar Multipurpose Girls High School - completed
5. Associate Host for Shantih, ICM on Peace Building and Conflict Prevention – completed
6. Distribution of utility kits in Shantiniketan - upcoming

An overview of our forthcoming EIRWT project [application in process]:

Project Title - Construction & renovation of Main Gate, boundary wall, safety fencing for a special school named Morning Glory Integrated School [MGIS], educating children with autism, downs syndrome and cerebral palsy.

Project Site - 11/49C, Jheel Road, Garfa, Kolkata - 700075, West Bengal, India.

Summary - Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy understands the critical, urgent and basic needs of these children which relates to their safety in the school premises. While MGIS continues to strive to enhance the educational therapeutic services, ensuring a secure and protected environment is also an important component. Hence, Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy, based on the formal plea of MGIS, wants to take the support them with Rotary's help in constructing /renovating the school's main gate, boundary wall and safety fencing. Currently the premises remain vulnerable due to insufficient protective barriers, posing a safety concern for the students who require constant supervision and secure surroundings. Rest details like detailed breakup of the expenses and approximate budget is specified in the letter from MGIS which has the required details for the cognizance of Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy

An overview of our PFT machine initiative with an International Partner:

RC Calcutta Empathy is embarking on a project to procure a PFT machine and laptop. A PFT (Pulmonary Function Test) machine is a noninvasive diagnostic tool—often featuring a mouthpiece connected to a computer or an enclosed booth (plethysmography) - used to measure lung capacity, air volume, and gas exchange.

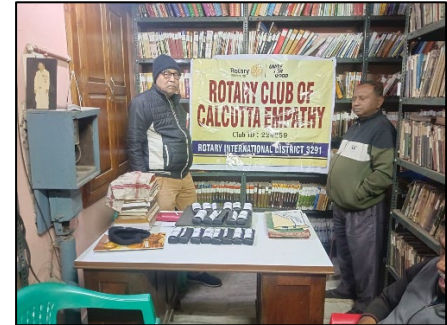
Given the pollution and poor AQI [Air Quality Index] in and around Kolkata, India, we firmly believe that our PFT machine would be crucial for diagnosing asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pulmonary fibrosis, and assessing lung function before surgeries. We intend to leverage the same for the below purposes:


- A. Weekly run it on 10 identified patients [for free] with relevant diseases and diagnose respiratory conditions and route them for proper treatment. Venue would be our clinic, Empathy Medicare Clinic at 48 G, B. T. Road, More, Sinthee, Kolkata, West Bengal 700050, India.
- B. Schedule monthly/quarterly camps with the multiple nearby manufacturing companies in the adjacent industrial belt to detect COPD etc which are a result of prolonged shopfloor association.

We are in talks with Rotary Club of Montgomery/Rocky Hill USA for collaborating on the above initiative and requested to be our International Partner. We plan to inaugurate the PFT machine in April 2026.

Moments from this Quarter [Jan-Mar '26]

Rotary Club of Calcutta Empathy remains thankful to respected DG, First Lady, AG, Core Team, Peer Clubs, Esteemed Members and all others in #3291 ecosystem for all the help, support and patronage for navigating this Rotary year



 Club Excellence Award 2025 - 26					
Zone	District	Club Name (ID)	Club Type	JULY INVOICE	JANUARY INVOICE
6	3291	Calcutta Empathy (224859)	Club	Yes	Yes



The Year [RY'25-'26] So Far for Calcutta Empathy

- 8 RLI Graduates 1, 2 and 3], 2 FOT
- 2 PHF+1 contributors
- 65% of the members represent medical fraternity
- 17 of 10 Goals achieved so far
- 2 District Core Team members
- Hosting RLI sessions
- Supporting District projects I, II and III and co-hosting and attending majority of District Events
- All Dues [RI, District and News Trust] cleared before time
- Key projects executed in Disease Prevention and Treatment, Literacy, thalassemia Awareness etc

Members' Corner

Nature's Meltdown

Surojit Roy

The azure sky has now given way to acid rain,
Development and urbanization is modern man's bane.
The cool breeze taken over by global warming
Butterflies vanish, vast fields invaded by locusts swarming,

The scorching summers and sultry winters are no longer same,
Growing arid land will even put the creator to shame.
The green foliage covered with a coat of tar and dust,
Man has tossed nature aside in its march of greed and lust.

The streams and rivers have lost their shin,
Less of rain, more pollutants have made them unclean.
While the oceans rise, the valleys sink and lowlands submerge,
The glaciers melt, countries go extinct, still man shows no urge.

Vaccines get invented, new and queer diseases discovered faster,
Science is unable to keep pace with the epidemic roster.
While the mercury swells, man sweats and toils to earn the daily bread,
Little do we realize that doomsday is not far, which we all dread.

While the man triumphs over the moon, earth stands unsure,
Nature is at our mercy, or are we, who will provide the cure?
The forests have given way to nature parks, wildlife seen only at zoos,
Ecological balance or our existence at peril, it is for us to choose.

Announcements

Birthdays

Chaity Ganguly	20th March
Dr Bodduluri	11th March
Nairanjana B	09th March

April 2026 Meetings: [Venue: Lake Town]

RCM 1 - 07th April at 7.30 p.m. / RCM 2 – 21st April at 7.30 p.m. / Board - 16th April at 7:30 p.m.



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Education
& Literacy**



**Maternal &
Child
Health**



**Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution**



**Disease
Prevention
&
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**Water,
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