

Women's day celebration at Tiya's Cafe



RC Kolkata Lakes celebrated Women's Day on 8th March at Tiya's Cafe, marking the occasion with inspiration, recognition, and heartfelt stories.

We were honoured to host **Aparna Ghosh and Radhika Bubna** from **CREW**, who shared their remarkable journey and impactful work in empowering women .

A truly moving moment was hearing from **Ruksar Jahan**, who, after receiving tailoring training from **CREW**, successfully established her own boutique. Her story of determination was deeply inspiring, and special mention was made of her husband's unwavering support, which played a vital role in her journey.

As a gesture of encouragement and support, the club presented a sewing machine to Ruksar Jahan, along with mementos to all our esteemed guests. Our lady members were also felicitated, celebrating their strength, achievements, and contributions.

The event was a perfect blend of inspiration, empowerment, and fellowship—truly embodying the spirit of Women's Day.

From President's desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Greetings!

The last quarter has been truly eventful and enriching, reflecting the vibrancy and commitment of our Rotary family.

We cherished wonderful moments of fellowship during our day out at Vedic Village and celebrated the spirit of womanhood at Women's Day at Tiya's Cafe. Our participation in the Rotary District 3291 Conference added further inspiration and learning to our journey.

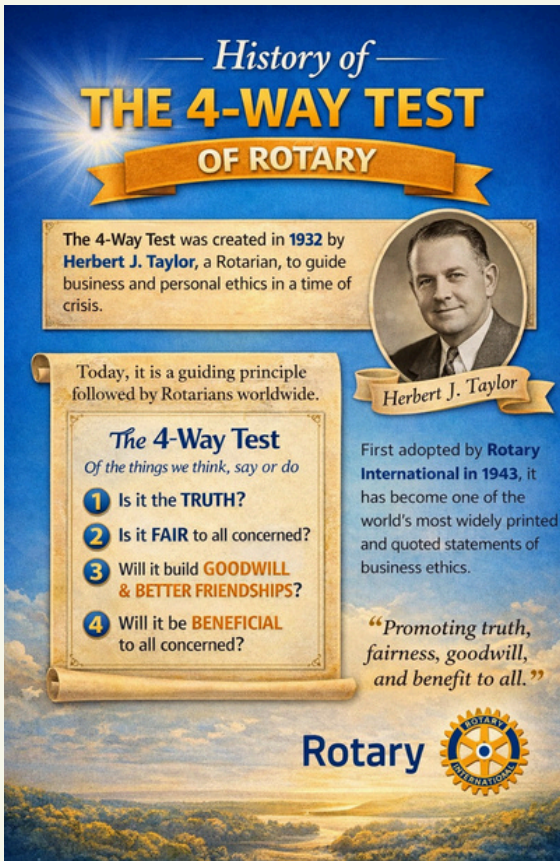
On the service front, we successfully executed several impactful projects. A key milestone was the completion of the 2nd dose of HPV vaccination for girls below 15 years in Dhumda Village. We also initiated HPV vaccination for girls aged 15–25 years, supported by EIRWT, reaffirming our commitment to preventive healthcare and community well-being.

We also strengthened inter-club bonding through a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Charnock City, fostering collaboration and shared purpose.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Rotarians for your active support, dedication, and passion for service. Together, we continue to create meaningful ripples of change in society.

Warm regards,

*Arup Das
President 25 - 26*



Why Should we contribute to The Rotary Foundation?

Contributing to The Rotary Foundation is an investment in creating lasting change across the world. It transforms our commitment to Service Above Self into real, measurable impact.

Every contribution supports initiatives in disease prevention, education, maternal and child health, clean water, peacebuilding, and economic development. From the global fight against polio eradication to grassroots community projects, the Foundation ensures that funds are used effectively and transparently.

It also empowers our own clubs—many of our service projects are made possible through Foundation grants, multiplying the impact of every rupee or dollar we give.

In essence, giving to The Rotary Foundation is not just a donation—it is a commitment to building a better, healthier, and more equitable world.

Rotary & CSR: Strengthening Impact Together

Rtn. Piya Nandi

Rotary has always stood for "Service Above Self," with a strong grassroots presence and deep community trust. This makes Rotary a natural partner for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

While corporates bring in resources, scale, and structured frameworks, Rotary contributes local insights, volunteer strength, and last-mile connectivity. Rotary clubs can play a vital role as implementation partners, ensuring that CSR projects in areas like health, education, and skilling are relevant, inclusive, and impactful.

Additionally, Rotary's continuous engagement with communities helps sustain initiatives even after project cycles end—an area where many CSR programs face challenges.

By working together, Rotary and corporates can move beyond transactional support to co-creating sustainable, community-driven solutions, aligned with larger development goals.

Such partnerships are not just beneficial—they are essential for creating meaningful and lasting social change.

Project Update :



Drinking water for community in Dhumda Village in Bangan Block , Howrah

There was a long pending expectation of people of Dhumda Village in Bagnan Block , Howrah for clean drinking water as the supply from PHE was very limited.

This was highlighted by our RCC Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra Dhumda when we visited there and requested our support .

Accordingly RC Kolkata Lakes have decided to provide a submersible pump and water storage facility in the premises of our RCC .

RC Kolkata Lakes approached Tata Steel Colors Pvt Ltd for financial support as a part of their CSR project . Budget sanctioned was Rs. 150000/- with 100% contribution from Tata Steel Colors. The project was executed and is in operation from 1st Feb 2026 .

This will provide clean water to the villagers in Dhumda which was their need for a long time

Project Cost : INR : 1,50,000/-

Miscellaneous expenses was borne by RC Kolkata Lakes.

Media coverage

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कोलकाता लेक्स ने हावड़ा के धुमड़ा गांव में पीने के साफ़ पानी की लाइफ़लाइन लाई

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कोलकाता - दक्कन सेक्टर

गांवों की हदय और सार्वभौमिक को बेहतर बनाने की दिशा में एक अग्रणी कदम उठाते हुए, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कोलकाता लेक्स ने हावड़ा के बंगाल के धुमड़ा गांव में पीने के साफ़ पानी का एक प्रोजेक्ट सफलतापूर्वक शुरू किया है। सेक्यूरिटी गांववासियों को पीने के पानी की कमी को दूर करने के लिए इसका उद्देश्य है।

गांव के लोग ने, धुमड़ा गांव के लोक प्रतिक्रिया इकाई (PRAI) विभाग से काम सार्वभौमिक के कारण साफ़ पीने के पानी की कमी प्रकट करने की सलाह से पोहन है। रोटरी क्लब की ओर से हावड़ा विभाग के अधिकारी, धुमड़ा ने एक लोकप्रिय विभाग के दौरान गांव में पानी की कमी को बेहतर और रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कोलकाता लेक्स से मदद मांगी।

सोसाइटी की गांव का पूरा जवाब देते हुए, रोटरी कोलकाता लेक्स ने R.C.C. बिल्डिंग में एक सबमर्सिबल पंप स्थापित और एक स्टोरेज टैंक में संचालित करने की पहल की। क्लब ने इस प्रकृतिक प्रोजेक्ट को लागू करने के लिए राउट और क्लब प्रोडक्ट सिस्टिम से उनके कॉर्पोरेट सोशल रिस्पॉन्सिबिलिटी (CSR) प्रोग्राम के तहत सहयोग प्राप्त किया।

एक प्रोजेक्ट की कुल 1,50,000 रुपये की लागत से सार्वभौमिक है, और इसे पूरी तरह से राउट और क्लब प्रोडक्ट सिस्टिम से कवर किया गया। एकत्रित अवसर होने वाले सभी रोटरी कोलकाता लेक्स ने उद्देश्य।

एक पहल ने धुमड़ा गांव के लोगों के लिए साफ़ और सुदृढ़ पानी के पानी की लगातार उपलब्धता प्रकटी की है - जो कई सालों से पूरी नहीं हुई थी। यह नए मिलान समाज सेवा और सिमिलेयर कॉर्पोरेट सहयोगों की साक्ष्य का एक सफल उदाहरण है।

एक ट्विटर में बोलते हुए, RC कोलकाता लेक्स के प्रिजिडेंट ने एका हीन सार्वभौमिक प्रोडक्ट सिस्टिम को उनके दिग्गज से CSR सार्वभौमिक के लिए धुमड़ा गांव और सिमिलेयर प्रकृतिक प्रोजेक्ट को लागू करने के लिए राउट के लगातार सहयोग को धन्यवाद।

सर्व साक्ष्य पानी की सुविधा से अधिक है हमें जो बेहतर बनने, पानी से होने वाली बीमारियों को कम करने और धुमड़ा गांव के लोगों की सिमिलेरी की क्लबों को बेहतर बनने में अग्रणी भूमिका निभाने की उम्मीद है।

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रोटारि क्लब अब कलकाता लेक्स हावड़ा धुमड़ा ग्रामे विशुद्ध पानीय जल जीवनरे...

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निजसु प्रतिनिधि - ग्रामीण स्वास्थ्य ओ स्यानिटेशन उन्नयनर लक्ष्ये एक सुकृतपूर्ण पदमेप हिसेबे रोटारि क्लब अब कलकाता लेक्स, हावड़ा बागनान...

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Project Update :



Joint Meeting – Vocational Excellence Award

Our club had the pleasure of participating in a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Charnock City on the occasion of their Vocational Excellence Award event. The program was a celebration of professionalism, dedication, and outstanding contributions across various fields. It was inspiring to witness individuals being recognized for their commitment to excellence and service to society—values that resonate deeply with the Rotary ethos. The joint meeting also strengthened the bond between our two clubs, fostering fellowship, collaboration, and shared purpose.



HPV Vaccination Camp

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A total of 27 beneficiaries are being covered under this initiative, each receiving the full 3-dose vaccination schedule. The project is being jointly funded with **Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust**, with a 50% cost sharing, and the **total project cost is ₹97,200**.

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This initiative reflects our continued commitment to preventive healthcare and women's well-being, creating a healthier and more informed community.



Project Update :



KOLKATA LAKES IN ACTION

22.01.2026 : Blanket distribution at RCC Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra , Dhumda , Bagnan,

31.01.2026 : Swarkana Olympiad Scholarship award as Associate Host club

14.02.2026 : Rtn. Kashinath Saha celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary at RCC Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra , Dhumda with lunch of the students as well supported them with educational materials . while Rtn. Dr.Ranajit Boral donated two fans for the dining room , Rtn. Nirmalya Banerjee provided grocery items for them

15.02.2026 : Fund raising event of Life Beyond Cancer associated as Co Host Club

12.03.2026 : Second dose of HPV vaccination for girls below 15 years of Dhumda , Bagnan

05.03.2026 : RYLA at Dhyana Ashram Kolkata associated as Co Host

28.03.2026 : Sanitary pad distribution at Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra , Dhumda, Bagnan

28.03.2026 : HPV vaccination camp at Howrah Vivekananda Siksha Kendra , Dhumda, Bagnan for girls between 15 to 25 years . First dose provided .



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Solidarity...a kind of Butterfly Effect

Rtn. Dr. Jyotirup Goswami

When we were in school in the early 1990s, a whole ship loaded with food grains was dispatched by the West Bengal government to Cuba, already suffering the impact of the US's economic blockade.

It was a typically quixotic step for a small state in the eastern part of India to send aid to a tiny Caribbean island. It may or may not have made a difference on the ground but it was idealistic and humanitarian and in its own way, geopolitically shrewd.

In the great international tradition of humanism, it made sense but to those who could not think beyond nationalism, it was bizarre, ridiculous even.... why should we know and care about some random country far far away? But it was a natural emotion for a city where students once marched on the streets (in the 1960s) in protest against the Vietnam war.

Now, 30 odd years on, Cuba continues to struggle, while wars rage on several different fronts across the world.

The war in the Middle East, especially, has brought the world, including India, perilously close to a crisis-level shortage of fossil fuel. Somehow, events going on half a world away do seem to matter after all.

From the muddy graveyard of a previous cycle of violence, Vietnam has become one of Asia's most prosperous and visited nations.

In times of war and want and suffering, no nation or people is immune to behaving monstrously... but in the end, small acts of solidarity will always be remembered...they protect the fragile flower that is freedom and the hope of a better tomorrow....and yes, they do even get reciprocated.

In 1847, a Native American tribe, the Choctaw, sent money to Ireland during the Great Hunger ... and more than 170 years later, during the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the Irish people who pulled together with financial aid for the Choctaw...

The sunken soul

Penned by : Shiuly Ray (spouse of Rtn. Biswajit Roy)

On the verge of the boundless crimson sky
Floats a broken cloud in silent solitude-
Whispers the misty wind through the ripples
Glides the sleepy sun on the queuing seagulls.

A silhouette frames facing the infinite blue
The white foams washes the sand curved feet.
His heart is heavy and mind full of dilemmas.
Eyes filled with pain, choice of life and death.

Slowly the mountain curves hide the twilight,
Erases the horizon meeting the sky and sea.
Now the void is filled with perpetual darkness.
He throws the question-" Should I exist or perish ?"

A little star twinkles overhead, he looks up
The sky glitters with thousand distant stars.
He smiles and lifts his sunken soul from the shore
And vanishes in the crowd; existence is divine.

Habit of Breathing - Translation of Gulzar Rtn. Piya Nandi

Habit of Breathing"

Breathing—

what a strange habit to carry.

Living—

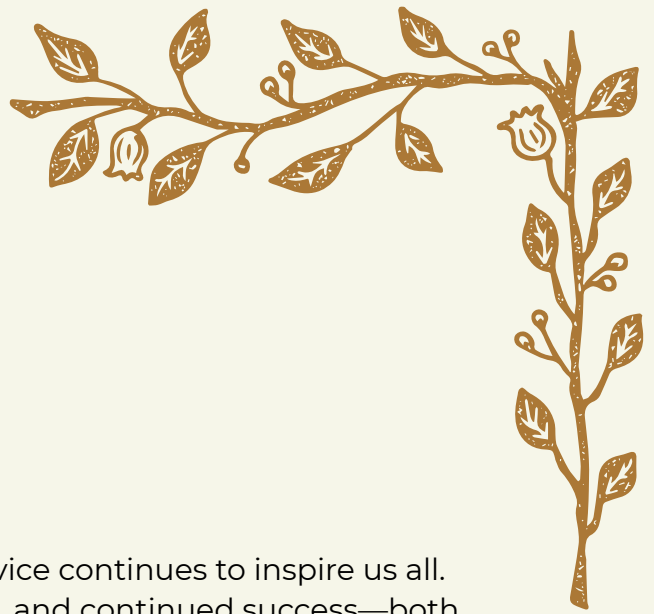
what an unquestioned routine.

No tremor in the body,
no shadow left in the eyes.

Feet feel nothing,
yet they keep moving—
as if motion itself remembers
what we have forgotten.

A journey goes on,
not chosen, not paused,
just... flowing.

For years now—
or maybe centuries—
we keep on living,
just keep on living.
Habits are peculiar things—
they don't ask why,
they simply stay.



We extend warm birthday greetings to

- Rtn. Partha Pratim Pal - 11th January
- Rtn. Kashinath Saha - 14th January
- Rtn. Biswajit Ray - 1st Feb
- Rtn. Dr. Jyotirup Goswami - 10th Feb
- Rtn. Kallol Halder - 11th February

Your dedication to Rotary ideals and selfless service continues to inspire us all. May the year ahead bring you health, happiness, and continued success—both in service and in life.



We wish Happy anniversary to

- Rtn. Rtn. Dr. Ronojit Boral - 17th January
- Rtn. Dr. Jyotirup Goswami - 23rd January
- Rtn. Priyambada Goswami - 23rd January
- Rtn. Mukul Saha - 1st February
- Rtn. Piya Nandi - 11th February
- Rtn. Kashinath Saha - 13th February 
- Rtn. Shibaji Bakshi - 22nd February
- Rtn. Ajay Sharma - 5th March

Rotary District Conference 9th - 11th Jan 2026



Fellowship



Fellowship – Day Out at Vedic Village (18th January)

A refreshing day of fellowship was enjoyed on 18th January at Vedic Village, where members and families came together to unwind and connect beyond regular meetings. The day was filled with laughter, bonding, and joyful interactions, strengthening the spirit of togetherness that defines our Rotary family.

Moments like these remind us that fellowship is at the heart of Rotary, building relationships that make our service journey even more meaningful.



Birthday Celebration – 11th February

The club came together in joyous fellowship on 11th February to celebrate the birthdays of our esteemed leaders—**IPP Rtn. Kallol Halder** and **PE Rtn. Dr. Jyotirup Goswami**.

The occasion was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and heartfelt wishes, reflecting the strong bonds we share as a Rotary family. Celebrating such special moments together adds warmth and joy to our journey of service.

We wish them both good health, happiness, and continued success in all their endeavors.

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