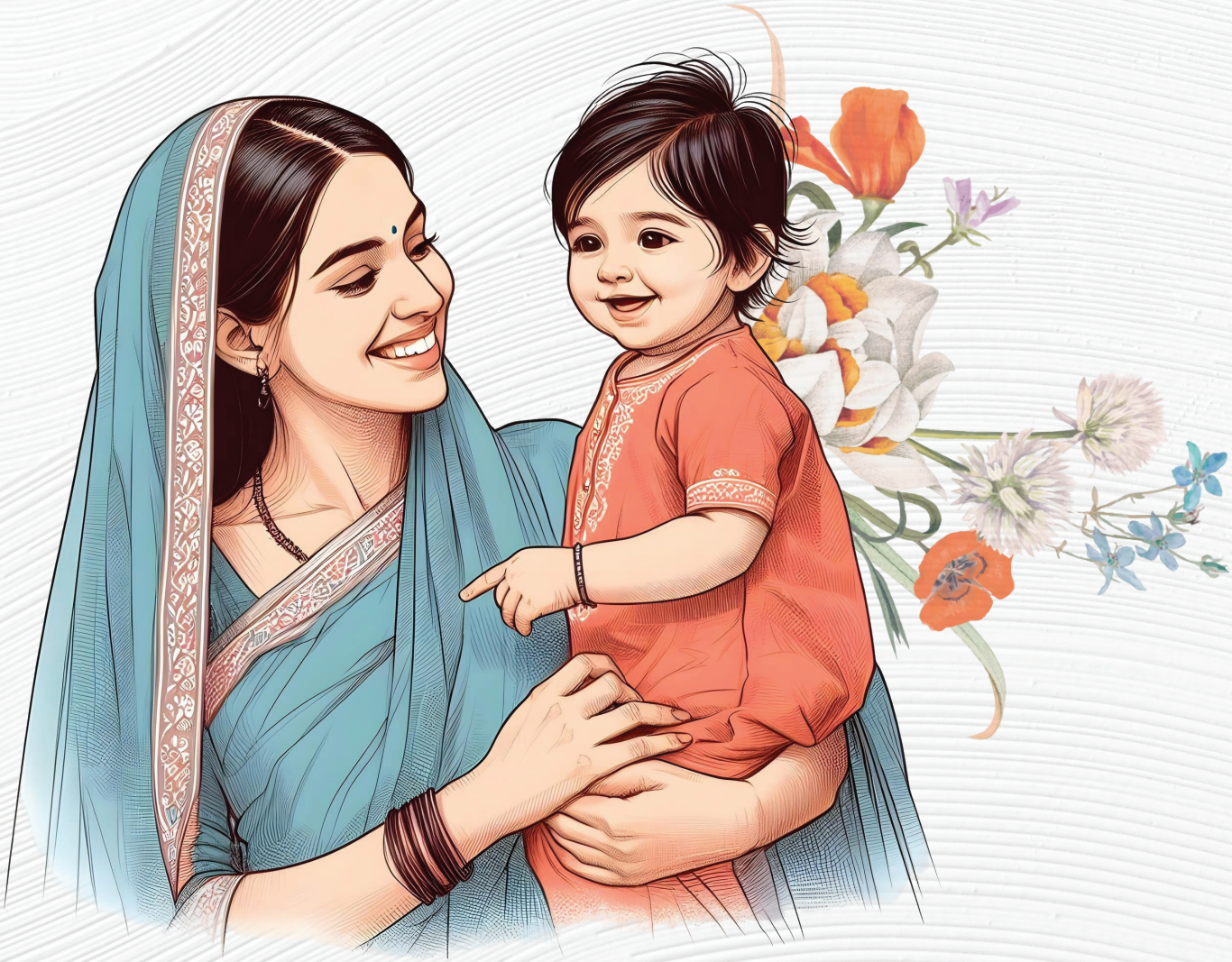
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কী আঁচল বিছায়েছ বটের মূলে, নদীর কূলে কূলে।
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মা, তোর বদনখানি মলিন হলে, ও মা, আমি
নয়নজলে ভাসি॥

Rotary Invocation

We, the Rotarians are dedicated to the ideal of service to maintain a high ethical standard in our business and profession and to dignify our vocation by enhancing international understanding, goodwill and peace through people united in the ideal of service

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Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Mission Statement

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The Four-Way Test

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1) Is it the TRUTH?
2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Motto

1) Service Above Self
2) One Profits Most Who Serves Best Service Above Self is the principal motto of Rotary.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

"When we unite hearts, hands, and hopes, we create a force greater than any challenge, because true change begins when we come together for good"

Editorial Note



Editor, 2025–26

Dear Reader,

Assalamu Alaikum and warm greetings to you all.

It is my pleasure to present the 2nd issue of our fortnightly bulletin, as we step into the second half of July. This Rotary year, we are inspired by the global theme "Unite for Good", a powerful reminder that unity is not just a virtue, but a catalyst for meaningful change.

At this time the world is confronting numerous challenges on social, environmental, and economic issues. Rotary reminds us that the most powerful solutions come when people come together with a shared purpose. "Unite for Good" inspires us to work collaboratively, to listen with empathy, and to act with integrity, whether in small community projects or global initiatives.

Here at the Rotary Club of Baridhara, we continue to uphold this ideal, unifying our talents, time, and compassion to make a difference. From local outreach to global partnerships, every small action counts when driven by goodwill.

May this bulletin be a reflection of that unity in action, celebrating the commitment, initiatives, and achievements of our members.

Let us keep moving forward, together, as we unite not only in service but also in spirit and purpose, for the greater interest of humanity.

Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting of

Rotary Club of Baridhara (RCB)

Meeting No: 686

Date: 13th July 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka

(Draft for approval)

1. **Opening:**

   The 686th regular club meeting—the first of Rotary Year 2025-26—was presided over by Vice President Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan in the absence of President Rtn. Maherunnesa, who is currently abroad. Rtn. Nazmul warmly welcomed all attending members and guests, extending special recognition to visiting guests and prospective members.

2. **Rotary Invocation:**

   Rtn IPP Javed Karim recited the Rotary invocation Rtn. IPP Javed Karim delivered the Rotary invocation, marking the formal beginning of the meeting.

3. **Last Meeting Minutes:**

   The minutes of the 685th regular meeting were reviewed and confirmed by the members present, with no amendments proposed.

4. **Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations:**

   Rtn. Past Secretary Rizwana Tabassum acknowledged and celebrated the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of club members, conveying warm wishes on behalf of the entire club.

5. **Announcement session:**

   Immediate Past Secretary Rizwana Tabassum provided a brief update on the club's visit to Shishu Hospital, which took place following the Board Meeting on 20th June. During this visit, medicines worth BDT 140,000 were handed over to the hospital.

6. **Treasurer's Report :**

   Treasurer Rtn. Wahid presented a summary of the club's billing structure for the first half of the Rotary year. He clarified the components of the club invoice and addressed any related queries.

7. **Guest Speaker Introduction – Dr. Farhana Ahmed**

   Vice President Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Farhana Ahmed, a distinguished public health professional with over two decades of experience. A medical graduate by training, Dr. Ahmed has dedicated her career to advancing Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent, and Reproductive Health. She is from White Ribbon Alliance.

   She currently serves as the National Coordinator of the Bangladesh Chapter of the White Ribbon Alliance, a global movement committed to promoting safe pregnancy and childbirth. Her previous roles include:

   - Director, Marie Stopes Bangladesh
   - Program Director – Women Empowerment, CARE Bangladesh
   - Health & Nutrition Program Officer, Save the Children UK
   - Key contributor to the USAID-supported NGO Services Delivery Programme with CARE Bangladesh

   Dr. Farhana Ahmed shared valuable insights on Maternal and Child Health, aligning her talk with Rotary International's July theme: Maternal and Child Health Month. Her address highlighted pressing challenges and opportunities in improving healthcare access, community awareness, and policy advocacy in this sector.

   Following her presentation, club members actively engaged in a Q&A session, where Dr. Farhana Ahmed thoughtfully responded to questions and encouraged dialogue on how Rotary clubs can contribute more effectively to this critical area of service.

8. **Club Statistics:**

   Rtn. Amb Mosud Mannan announced the club statistics of the meeting as follows:

   - Total number of club members: 48
   - Members present at the meeting: 19
   - Guests: 2
   - Visiting Rotarians: 1
   - Attendance percentage: 39.58%

9. **Next Meeting:**

   Club Secretary Rtn. Amb Mosud Mannan announced that the next Regular meeting (687th) will be held on 27th July 2025 at 6:30 pm at Westin.

10. **Closing:**

    The meeting ended with heartfelt thanks to all club members, office bearers, and contributors. Members were encouraged to continue their active engagement and support for the new leadership.

Message from Rotary International President 2025-26

Friday, 4 July 2025



President, Rotary International, 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo

Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life come fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message/; Unite for Good. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met-there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead-not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you-this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big-but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace-Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace.

I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends…take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's Unite for Good-for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

Club Secretary's Column

JULY - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH



Secretary 2025-26

Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

Rotary Attendance Requirements and Meeting Make-Up Policies

1. Attendance

This is the text from Rotary International's Manual of Procedure:

a. Attendance Percentages. A member must (1) attend or make up at least 60 percent of club regular meetings in each half of the year (2) attend at least 30 percent of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year.

b. If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

c. Consecutive Absences. Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 8, sections 3 or 4, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

2. Making up a missed meeting

d. Rotary International bylaws state that a member can make-up for a missed meeting within 2 weeks before or after the meeting.

e. If you anticipate missing a meeting, you can make up for it up to 2 weeks before that date. If you miss a meeting, you have up to 2 weeks after the missed meeting to make-up.

f. Members do not have to make-up for times when the club does not meet.

g. If a member attempts to make-up at another club and that club either did not meet that week, or changed venues, the club member can let their club's secretary know the date and time of the attempted make-up and it will count as a make-up towards a missed meeting.

3. How a member can make-up

When a member misses a meeting, there are several ways to make-up for the absence:

* Attend a club function.

Committee and Event Chairs should report the names of all attendees at any Club function to the Club Secretary in a timely manner, due to the time limitations on applying make-ups.

Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2025-2026

July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
Maternal and Child Health 1 July - Beginning of the Rotary year	**Membership and New Club Development** 15 August - Interact Club Excellence Award nominations are due	**Basic Education and Literacy**	**Community Economic Development** Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 7 October 24 October - World Polio Day	**Rotary Foundation** 5 Nov - World Interact Day (World Interact Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 5 November, Interacts anniversary)	**Disease Prevention and Treatment** 15 December Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention
January 2026	**February 2026**	**March 2026**	**April 2026**	**May 2026**	**June 2026**
Vocational Service 11-15 January-International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA	**Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention** 23 February - Rotary's anniversary	**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** World Rotaract Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 13 March, Rotaract's anniversary 31 March - Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention	**Environmental** 30 April-Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due	**Youth Service**	13-17 June-Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan 30 June-Club Excellence Award Nominations are due

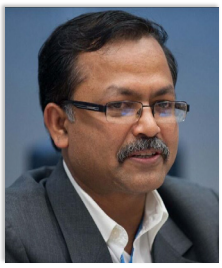
Wedding Anniversary

July 27
Rtn. Md. Mamunur Rashid
&
Ms. Sharmine Sultana

Birthday Greetings

July 18
Rtn. Ashik Ahmed

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Md. Shahid Uddin Akbar
Founder and CEO, BIID Foundation
National President, JCI Bangladesh, 2010-2011

Fostering market led sustainable development is the passion of Mr. Akbar. He launched Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID), as a social business initiative in 2008. Mr. Akbar, Founder, BIID led various e-Agriculture projects including e-Krishok, nutrition programs (Nutrition Club & International Nutrition Olympiad) and entrepreneurship development programs (B-Lab) for micro & small business, women and youth.

Adolescents, youth, women and rural communities are primary focus of BIID programs ranging from policy advocacy to implementation. BIID initiatives envision and aligned to achieve SDGs and national development goals. Mr Akbar also serve as senior expert for different UN agencies and international organizations on wide range of ICT4D and social development areas.

Mr. Akbar pursues the vision to “Build a Well Nourished Future Generation” through the flagship initiatives of BIID Foundation, namely Nutrition Clubs, a platform for adolescents and youth to adopt nutrition in their dietary diversity and practice healthy lifestyle.

The importance of nutrition is so critical for physical and cognitive development of a child which builds during 1000 days and this requires a collective effort from different stakeholders to build a healthy & well-nourished future generation who can lead the country.

Topic of the Day - Build a Well Nourished Future Generation

Club Activities

Glimpses from 686th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting













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Rotary Club of Baridhara's Support to Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute



The Rotary Club of Baridhara has been consistently supporting the Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute (BSHI) across several critical areas, including the renovation of the renal ward, establishment of children's play and recovery rooms, and the provision of essential medicines.

Most recently, the Club handed over a cheque of BDT 140,000, which was utilized to procure life-saving medicines for child cancer patients.

Club members also visited the young patients during the handover, offering encouragement and solidarity to the children and their families.

This ongoing partnership reflects our commitment to child health and community service in Bangladesh.

A Glimpse into the Rotary History of Bangladesh

Rotary International, founded in 1905, expanded its humanitarian mission globally in the following decades. Rotary's journey in Bangladesh began in 1937, during the British colonial period, with the establishment of the Rotary Club of Dhaka, which became the first club in East Bengal (then part of undivided India), under what was then Rotary International District 88.

Following the country's independence in 1971, Rotary activities flourished, with clubs rapidly expanding across major cities and towns. Today, Bangladesh proudly hosts two Rotary Districts, encompassing hundreds of clubs committed to humanitarian service, ethical leadership and community development. From supporting education and healthcare to leading polio eradication and disaster relief efforts, Rotary in Bangladesh continues to be a powerful force for positive change, guided by the motto, "Service Above Self". Rotary has a gratified and enduring legacy in Bangladesh, rooted in the spirit of service, spirit and fellowship.

The first Rotary Club in Bangladesh (then part of undivided India) was established in Dhaka in 1937 under Rotary International District 88.

Bangladesh is now home to two Rotary Districts:

- Rotary International District 3281 (Dhaka and surrounding areas)
- Rotary International District 3282 (covering other divisions and major cities)

Rotary in Bangladesh has played a vital role in:

- Promoting education through scholarships, school support, and literacy programs
- Providing healthcare services including maternal health and child immunization
- Supporting disaster relief efforts during floods, cyclones, and pandemics
- Taking part in Rotary's global mission to eradicate polio

Key milestones include:

- 1972: Re-chartering of the Rotary Club of Dhaka post-independence
- 1979: Launch of the PolioPlus Program, with Bangladesh becoming an active partner in the national immunization efforts
- 1991: Formation of Rotary District 3280, which covered the entire country
- 2015: The single district was bifurcated into District 3281 and District 3282, enhancing regional focus and leadership development
- Recent Years: Rotary in Bangladesh has been instrumental in advancing literacy, maternal health, sanitation, peace building, and climate resilience projects

Bangladeshi Rotarians have also contributed significantly to international Rotary leadership and have hosted district and international-level events.

Today, Bangladesh is a home to over 400 Rotary Clubs and a vibrant network of Rotaract and Interact Clubs spanning both urban and rural areas. Rotary leaders from Bangladesh have proudly represented the nation at international conventions and global service platforms.

The Rotary movement in Bangladesh continues to flourish, fueled by a growing community of dedicated members who make a lasting impact through their professional excellence and unwavering commitment to humanitarian service.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

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