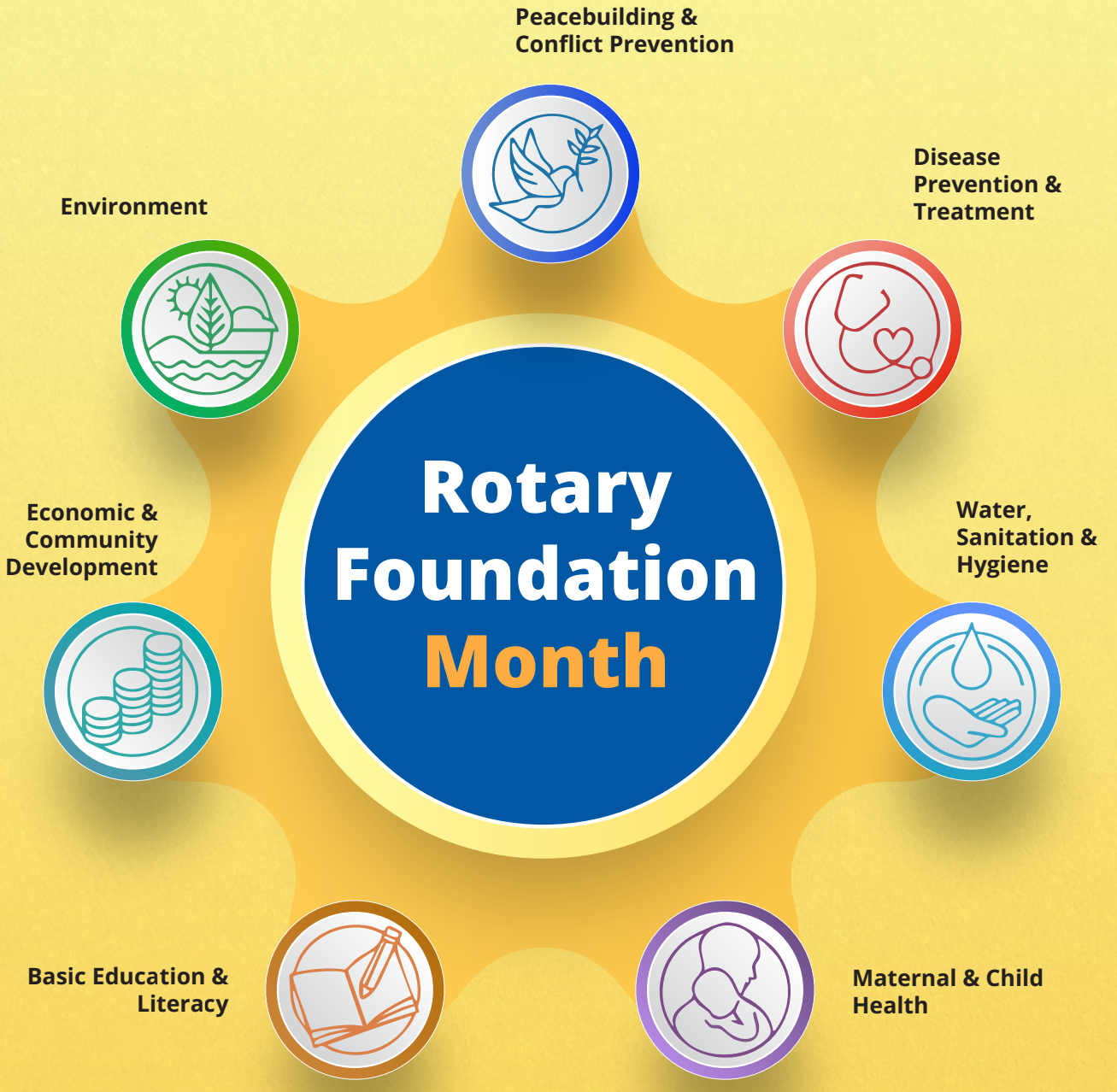
# Rongdhonu

Club ID No: 72098
Organised: 03 January 2006
Chartered: 22 February 2006

Rotary
Club of Baridhara

Issue 09 | Fortnightly Bulletin | Rotary Year 2025–26
9 November 2025





## জাতীয় সংগীত

আমার সোনার বাংলা, আমি তোমায় ভালোবাসি।
চিরদিন তোমার আকাশ, তোমার বাতাস, আমার প্রাণে
বাজায় বাঁশি॥
ও মা, ফাগুনে তোর আমের বনে ঘ্রাণে পাগল করে,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
ও মা, অঘ্রানে তোর ভরা ক্ষেতে আমি কী দেখেছি
মধুর হাসি॥
কী শোভা, কী ছায়া গো, কী স্নেহ, কী মায়া গো–
কী আঁচল বিছায়েছ বটের মূলে, নদীর কূলে কূলে।
মা, তোর মুখের বাণী আমার কানে লাগে সুধার মতো,
মরি হায়, হায় রে–
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

Rotary Club of Baridhara, D-64, Bangladesh
Club ID No. : 72098
Chartered on : 22 February 2006
Website : www.rotaryclubbaridhara.org

## 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

Of the things we think, say or do

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.

"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."
— Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation

# Editorial Note



**Dear Rotarians,**

**Assalamu Alaikum.**

In every corner of the globe, Rotary pulses with purpose. It is not merely a network. It is a movement, a movement of hearts, hands, and hope. From bustling cities to remote villages, Rotary activities weave a tapecstry of compassion, innovation, and resilience.

At the Rotary Club of Baridhara, we witness this spirit daily. Whether it's organizing health camps, leading literacy drives, or advocating for polio eradication, our members embody the motto Service Above Self. These are not isolated acts they are part of a global rhythm that beats in sync with humanity's most urgent needs.

Rotary activity is evolving. With the integration of technology, youth engagement, and sustainability goals, we are entering a new chapter, one where innovation meets empathy, one where Bangladesh's voice in Rotary grows stronger, more visible, and more impactful.

As we move forward, let's ask ourselves: What more can we do? Whose lives can we touch next? How can we make hope visible, together?

Rotary is not just an organization. It is a promise, a promise to serve, to uplift, and to unite. Let's keep that promise alive.

**With warm regards,**

**Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee**
Editor, Rongdhonu
Rotary Club of Baridhara

# Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting of
**Rotary Club of Baridhara (RCB)**
Meeting No: **692**
Date: 26 October 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka
(Draft for approval)

1. In absence of Club President Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam, First Vice President Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation wad read by Rtn. PP Saiful Huq.
3. Greetings for birthdays &wedding anniversaries of the following Rotarians were announced -1. Rtn. A.K.M. Niyamul Haq, 2. Rtn. PP Noor Mohammad Dicon PHF, 3. Rtn. Mamunur Rashid, 4. Rtn. Aftab Ahmed MD. 5. Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan & Mrs. Syeda Farha Afrin.
4. The minutes of the 691st regular meeting was confirmed as per proposal of Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq FCA, MPHF
5. Club Secretary Rtn. PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B shared his experience of participation at the D64 World Polio Day Rally held on 24th October 2025 which was also covered with photographs in the eighth edition of the Club Newsletter Rongdhonu along with information on the contribution of other

Rotarians of RCB in eradicating Polio from Bangladesh in previous years.

6. Rotarians present appreciated the publication of bylaws of RCB adopted during the tenure of Rtn. PP Saiful Huq.
7. Club members were once again informed about the new date of the Installation Ceremony of Club Board Members on 30th November 2025 at the Army Golf Club instead of 26th October 2025. Since the Installation Preparatory Committee and Sub Committee lists had already been circulated to club members, the meeting encouraged related members to participate actively in making all necessary arrangements to make the event a success.
8. Members present also decided to hold both the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Club Assembly on 14th December 2025.
9. As per proposal of the two hosts Rtn. PP Ahsan and Rtn. PP Nasim the schedule of the Board Meeting was changed from 30th October to 1st November 2025 at the Army Golf Club.
10. Rtn. PP Mohammed Ali Khan introduced the Guest Speaker Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed, Managing Director of American Bangladesh Centre for Development Excellence.
11. In his address on the Topic: "The HR Imperative: Converting Bangladesh's Youth Potential into Economic Power" Mr. Rakibuddin highlighted on the following points - i . Youth Unemployment Crisis: Despite over 170 universities, graduate unemployment is rising. ii. Education - Employment Mismatch: Graduates lack necessary skills and mindset for the job market. Causes are: Outdated university curricula. Nepotism in hiring. Brain drain due to limited domestic opportunities. Solutions Proposed: i. Establishment of a Ministry of Human Resources to coordinate skills and employment strategy. ii. Strengthen industry-academia collaboration for practical curriculum and apprenticeship. iii. Focus on re-skilling and digital training. iv. Develop G2G agreements to export high-skilled labor. v. Encourage mentorship, vocational sponsorships, and local job fairs through Rotary. His Core Message was "Without structural reform, Bangladesh's 'demographic dividend' could become a liability."
12. Highlights of the open discussion with active participation of club members present covered the following points -

- To explore causes of brain drain and ways to encourage return of skilled expatriates.
- Importance of creating opportunities for youth and to encourage entrepreneurship.
- Older generation's role should be in mentoring rather than imposing outdated views.
- Need for political stability, merit-based recruitment, and research-driven HR policies.
- Suggestion to learn from Malaysia and China's models for government-led student programs and overseas training.

13. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq delivered the formal vote of thanks for the informative speech of the Guest Speaker.
14. Club Secretary announced the Club Statistics as given below -

- Members present: 17
- Members absent: 33
- Make Up by Club Member: One
- Attendance rate: 33.33%
- Guests present: 2
- Meeting was adjourned by Acting Club President Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan with the invitation to Speaker & club members present to join for the gift presentation and take part in the official photo session.

# Message from Rotary International President 2025-26

November 2025



President, Rotary International, 2025-26

**Francesco Arezzo**

This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than $2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed $146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics — it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

# November: Rotary Foundation Month

### Celebrating Our Commitment to Global Impact

As the crisp winds of November sweep across continents, Rotary clubs worldwide come together in a powerful tradition of reflection, gratitude, and renewed purpose. Rotary Foundation Month is not just a celebration—it's a reaffirmation of our shared mission to uplift humanity through service, generosity, and hope.

### A Legacy Rooted in Service

Founded in 1917 by visionary Rotarian Arch Klumph, the Rotary Foundation began with a simple yet profound idea: "We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others." This timeless quote continues to echo through generations of Rotarians, reminding us that service is not just an act—it's a way of life.

Today, the Foundation stands as one of the world's most respected philanthropic institutions, channeling millions of dollars into sustainable, life-changing projects across six key areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

### Why November Matters

November is more than a calendar marker—it's a call to action. It's a time to:

- Reflect on the impact of our collective giving
- Celebrate the lives transformed through Rotary-funded programs
- Reignite our commitment to building a more equitable and resilient world

Whether through the Annual Fund, Endowment Fund, or PolioPlus, every contribution, large or small, helps fuel Rotary's global engine of change.

### Impact in Action

Rotary Foundation's reach is vast and tangible. Here are just a few ways it's making a difference:

- Polio Eradication: Over 2.5 billion children have been immunized, thanks to Rotary's leadership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. We are closer than ever to making polio history.
- Global Grants: These empower clubs to implement large-scale, sustainable projects tailored to local needs—from building schools to equipping hospitals.
- Peace Fellowships: Rotary Peace Centers cultivate future leaders in diplomacy, conflict resolution, and humanitarian work.

### How You Can Engage

This month, let's amplify our impact. Here's how you and your club can get involved:

- Donate: Make a personal or club-level contribution to the Rotary Foundation.
- Educate: Share stories of impact in your community bulletin, club meetings, or social media.
- Advocate: Encourage fellow Rotarians, partners, and youth leaders to support Foundation programs and learn about their global significance.

### Spotlight on Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, Rotary clubs are lighting the way with Foundation-supported initiatives that reflect both local needs and global priorities:

- Polio Immunization Drives: Reaching underserved communities with life-saving vaccines.
- Literacy Programs: Empowering children and adults with the tools to thrive.
- Clean Water Access: Installing tube wells and sanitation facilities in rural areas.

These efforts are more than projects, they are promises kept. They embody Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self." And they showcase Bangladesh's growing leadership in humanitarian service and global health equity.



# Club Secretary's Column



Secretary 2025-26

**Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B**

The rotary monthly theme for November is Rotary Foundation Month. This month is dedicated to highlighting the important work of The Rotary Foundation and encouraging support for its programs that provide grants for humanitarian projects worldwide.

Focus: The theme emphasizes the Foundation's role in funding projects to address global issues like poverty, illiteracy, and disease.

Call to action: It encourages Rotarians to contribute to the Foundation to support its work, which transforms gifts into life-changing projects.

Activities: Clubs often use this month to raise awareness and financial support for the Foundation through various initiatives and projects.

The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions.

The Rotary Foundation's motto is “Doing Good in the World”. The motto for Rotary International is “Service Above Self”. In 1947 when the founder of Rotary International Paul Harris died, Rotary members contributed US$ 1.3 million in his memory.

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.
In 1947, The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

At present the Rotary Foundation has identified seven areas of focus for its global grant-supported service activities. These seven themes represent critical humanitarian issues that Rotarians address worldwide:
1. Peacebuilding and conflict prevention: Training leaders and supporting communities to prevent and mediate conflict, as well as helping refugees.
2. Disease prevention and treatment: Educating communities, improving access to healthcare, and eradicating diseases like polio.
3. Water, sanitation, and hygiene: Providing communities with sustainable access to clean water, proper sanitation, and hygiene education.
4. Maternal and child health: Expanding access to quality healthcare for mothers and their children to reduce mortality rates.
5. Basic education and literacy: Strengthening communities' capacity to support education, increase adult literacy, and reduce gender disparity in education.
6. Community economic development: Enhancing local economies and creating opportunities for decent work by strengthening local entrepreneurs and community leaders.
7. Protecting the environment: Supporting the conservation and protection of natural resources, advancing ecological sustainability, and fostering harmony between communities and the environment.

Rotary members contribute their skills, expertise, and resources to help solve some of the world’s toughest problems. From providing clean water to promoting peace worldwide, Rotary Foundation grants bring service project ideas to life.
Are you interested in applying for a grant? You must be a member of a Rotary club to be eligible.
Learn about our grant opportunities:
District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus.
Disaster response grants support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disaster.
Programs of scale grants fund intentional effort by Rotary members, in partnership with others, to expand proven program models within our areas of focus in order to benefit more people and in more places and foster lasting change.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.
“We are extremely honored to be recognized,” says Foundation Trustee Chair Ron Burton. “It represents the hard work and dedication of countless Rotarians throughout the world. They know their gifts will be used for the purpose for which they were given and that they will, indeed, make a real difference.”
The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.
Information collected from My Rotary and other articles of RI.

# Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



## Mr. Jabed Ahmed

Former Chief Executive Officer,
(Additional Secretary)
Bangladesh Tourism Board

**Mr. Jabed Ahmed** is a distinguished public administration professional with over **32 years of service in the Government of Bangladesh**, contributing to key areas of tourism development, education reform, migration management, and disaster management.

As the **Chief Executive Officer of the Bangladesh Tourism Board**, he led the organization's strategic transformation, formulating the National Tourism Master Plan and driving initiatives on branding, sustainable tourism, and international collaboration with organizations such as UNWTO, D8, OIC, and BIMSTEC. Under his leadership, the Board successfully positioned Bangladesh as an emerging destination in the global tourism landscape through policy innovation, marketing strategies, and public-private coordination.

Earlier, as an **Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Education**, Mr. Ahmed oversaw policy development and reforms to improve Bangladesh's education system. At the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment, he contributed to the formulation of laws and frameworks for migration management and expatriate welfare. His tenure at the Ministry of Land involved supervising one of the largest shelter home construction projects for underprivileged citizens. He also served in pivotal administrative and leadership positions in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Disaster Management.

**Mr. Ahmed holds B.A. (Hons.) and M.S.S. degrees in Economics from University of Rajshahi**. He has also undertaken extensive professional training both at home and abroad, including the Advanced Course on Security Management in Hawaii, the Security Studies Program in Washington, Development Studies at the University of Bradford (UK), and a Project Management & Strategic Negotiation Course at Duke University (USA). Additionally, he completed the prestigious Capstone Course at the National Defense College, Bangladesh, along with a series of in-country trainings on law, administration, survey and settlement, rural development, and policy planning. In very recent time, he has completed a short course, "Foundations of Business Strategy," under the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business (USA).

In addition to his illustrious public service career, Mr. Ahmed continues to contribute actively to Bangladesh's development and knowledge landscape. He regularly writes articles for various national print and online media, focusing on governance, tourism, and sustainable development. He serves as a guest lecturer and trainer at several government training institutions and universities, sharing his expertise in policy formulation, tourism management, and leadership development. Moreover, he frequently participates as a discussant and panel speaker at national and international seminars, webinars, workshops, and talk shows, where he shares his insights on governance reforms, sustainable tourism, and development strategies.

A widely respected civil servant and strategist, Mr. Ahmed is recognized for his dedication to public service excellence, sustainable tourism promotion, and institutional capacity building. His leadership and insights continue to inspire policymakers, development practitioners, and young professionals across Bangladesh's governance and tourism landscape.

# Project Visit in Gazipur for Artificial Limb Distribution









On Saturday, 8th November, six members of the Rotary Club of Baridhara visited the Education and Rehabilitation Center for the Physically Handicapped (ERCPH), Braille Press & Artificial Limbs Centre, under the Department of Social Services, located at Station Road, Tongi, Gazipur.
The visit monitored the completion of eight lower limbs and four upper limbs for distribution among underprivileged persons who have lost limbs due to various circumstances. This project is jointly funded by our Rotary Club and Rotary E Club of Global Travelers, USA. This initiative reflects our Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to restoring mobility, dignity, and independence to those in need through its humanitarian projects.

# Club Activities

## Glimpses from 692th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting













## Birthday Greetings

11 November
**Rtn. Asif Uddowlah, PHF**

19 November
**Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam**

22 November
**Rtn. Salah Uddin, PHF**

## Wedding Anniversary

9 November
**Rtn. Salah Uddin, PHF**
**& Mrs. Khaleda Akhter**

Rotary Club of Baridhara

# Unite for Good

## Board of Directors 2025-26



President 2025-26
**Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam**



IPP 2024-25
**Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem**



President Elect–2026-27
**Rtn. N K A Mobin, FCA, PHF**



Vice President-1
**Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan (Shudip)**



Vice President-2
**Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum**



Secretary
**Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B**



Treasurer
**Rtn. Wahid Anwar**



Joint Secretary
**Rtn. Kamrun Alam Dahlia**



Sergeant at Arms-1
**Rtn. Dr. Kazi Nawshad Hossain**



Sergeant at Arms-2
**Rtn. Niamul Haque**



Club Trainer
**Rtn. Noor Mohammad Dicon, PHF**



Director, International Service
**Rtn. Ali Ashfaq, FCA, MPHF**



Director, Club Service
Rtn. Ahsanul Huq Chowdhury, FCA, PHF



Director, Community Service
**Rtn. Saiful Huq, FCA, PHF**



Director, Youth Service
**Rtn. Tapash Kumar Saha, PHF**



Director, Vocational Service
**Rtn. PP Mohammed Ali**



Bulletin Editor
**Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee**

## Committee Heads for 2025-26



Rotary Foundation
Rtn. Syed Ershad Ahmed, MPHF, MD



Membership
Rtn. Sheikh Nasim Imam, PHF



Service Projects
**Rtn. Sultana Nasrin**



Club Administration
**Rtn. Khaled Shams, PHF**



Public Image
**Rtn. Mamunur Rashid, PHF**

CEMS Global presents

Visit **Bangladesh's Premier International Exhibition Series-**
Your Gateway to the World of Power, Renewable Energy & Smart Lighting Solutions.
**Meet Global Manufacturers, Discover Innovations, Build Opportunities.**

27th edition POWER Series of Exhibitions
Power • Energy • Renewables • Lighting

Skip the lines.
Register online
for your visit at
cems-reg.com

Scan to Register




Premier Int'l Exhibition on Power Generation & Transmission, Energy & Renewable Energy

power-bangladesh.com




Bangladesh's Leading Int'l Exhibition on Photovoltaic (Solar) Power Generation

cems-solarexpo.com




An International Exhibition on Lighting & Intelligent Applications for Bangladesh

cems-lightingexpo.com

**13~15**
**NOVEMBER, 2025**
10:30 am - 8:00 pm

**ICCB**
International Convention City
Bashundhara, Dhaka

HOTLINE
**+880 1711 396000**

cems-powerseries.com

Host Country Partner CEMS BANGLADESH | Knowledge Partner: german cooperation DEUTSCHE ZUSAMMENARBEIT | Implemented by: giz | Logistics Partner: bengal airlift limited | IT'S A CEMS EXHIBITION

---

CEMS Global presents

Visit **Bangladesh's Premier Exhibition Series**
the Gateway to the Largest & Oldest Construction & Real Estate Expo 2025
Explore Cutting-Edge Building Materials, Technologies, and Exclusive Property Opportunities Under One Roof!










build-bangladesh.com

cems-realestateexpo.com

**13~15 NOVEMBER 2025**
Expo Timing : 10:30 am - 8:00 pm
**ICCB** International Convention City Bashundhara, Dhaka

30 Years ANNIVERSARY
**30 Years of Excellence**

Skip the lines.
Register online
for your visit at
cems-reg.com

Scan to Register

Host Country Partner CEMS BANGLADESH | Logistics Partner: bengal airlift limited | cems-global.com HOTLINE +880 1711 396000 | IT'S A CEMS EXHIBITION