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Economic & Community Development Month



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
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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

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.

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." – Muhammad Ali

Editorial Note



Dear Rotarians,

Assalamu Alaikum.

Economic development is not merely about financial growth, it's about dignity, opportunity, and resilience. It's about equipping individuals with the tools, training, and support they need to build better lives for themselves and their families. Whether through vocational training, microenterprise support, or inclusive employment initiatives, Rotary's work in this area transforms lives from the ground up.

In Bangladesh, where economic disparities persist despite remarkable progress, our club continues to champion projects that foster self-reliance. From supporting prosthetic limb distribution for differently-abled individuals to promoting literacy and skill-building among underserved youth, we believe that empowerment begins with access and thrives through collaboration.

This month, we spotlight stories of change: of women entrepreneurs who've turned small grants into thriving businesses, of youth who've found purpose through vocational education, and of families who've broken the cycle of poverty through community-led initiatives. These are not just success stories, they are testaments to the power of Rotary's vision in action.

As Rotarians, let us recommit to building bridges between potential and opportunity. Let us continue to innovate, collaborate, and advocate for economic models that prioritize people over profit, sustainability over short-term gains, and inclusion over indifference.

Together, we are not just reducing poverty, we are rewriting futures.

With best 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: **690**
Date: 28 September 2025 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka
(Draft for approval)

1. The meeting was called to order by Club President Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam at 6:30 pm.
2. The Rotary Invocation was read by Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq
3. Club Secretary Rtn. PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B requested Rotarians present to read and confirm the minutes of the last regular meeting held on September 07, 2025, at the Westin. The minutes were approved by the proposal made by Rtn. PP Nasim seconded by Rtn. Dr. Nawshad.
4. Rtn. Nazmul Ahsan Khan Sudip introduced the Guest Speaker, Pranjit Lal Shil of Quantum Foundation.
5. Mr. Pranjit Lal Shil made an elaborate presentation on Meditation, which included a short demonstration how to take part in Meditation involving all the Rotarians and Club Guests present.
6. Special Guest Rtn. Engr. K.A.N. Ashfaq Ahmed, Assistant Coordinator (Admin) D64 in his address praised the high quality activities of Rotary Club of Baridhara.
7. Rtn. Rizwana gave the formal vote of thanks after the question and answer session.

8. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq introduced the new member Mr. Monirul Islam followed by presentation of Rotary Lapel Pin by Club President Meherun Nessa Islam to the new Rotarian of RCB.
9. The Club Meeting's statistics were announced by Club Secretary –
- Total Member - 50
- Members present - 16
- Members absent - 34
- Make up by Member - nil
- Guests present - 6
- Percentage of attendance – 32.65%
10. Club Secretary announced the schedule of the next regular club meeting which will be held on October 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the same venue. He also informed the meeting that the 3rd Board Meeting of RCB will be held on 1 October 2025 at Gulshan North Club. The event will be hosted by Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq
11. The meeting concluded with presentation of Mementos to Guest Speaker and Special Guest in presence of all the Rotarians and Guests present.

Minutes of the 2nd Board Meeting

Rotary Club of Baridhara (RCB)

Date: 1 September 2025

Hosted by IPP Rtn. Javed Hyder Kareem and Past P President Rtn. Dicon

After making correction of few minor typing mistakes the minutes of the first board meeting of Rotary Year 2025-26 was confirmed.

1. Accounts - In absence of the Club Treasurer discussion on this topic was deferred to the next Board Meeting.
2. Membership - The new membership proposal of Mr. Monirul Islam was unanimously approved by Board members present. It was also decided to retain the membership of Rtn. Syed Zafar and collect his pending club subscription.
3. Meeting once again emphasized on the opening of a new Savings Account at Trust Bank and open a new FDR with IPDC in the near future after collecting semi annual dues from maximum number of club members.
4. Past President Rtn. Saiful will prepare and share the annual Club Calendar of events and projects with current Club President Meherun Nessa Islam as early as possible.
5. The Club Board decided to hold the Installation Ceremony of new Board Members at Sheraton, Banani on 26 October 2025. Rtn. PP Syed Ershad Ahmed was selected as the Chairman of the Installation Committee.
6. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq presented proposals of two projects related to Prosthetic Treatment to be jointly organized in Tongi & Dinajpur respectively at the initiative of RCB and Rotary e Club Global Travelers (first project) with further participation of RC Alexandria, RC Bloomington and RC Brooklyn Park in the second one. Details of these projects have already been circulated in the sixth issue of RCB Newsletter published on 28 September 2028. Club Board approved both the projects and thanked Club President Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam and Past President Rtn.Ali Ashfaq for promising personal contribution of one lac Taka each to match the grant of $2500 from e club Global Travelers. A circular was made afterwards to raise another Tk 100,000 from Club members, which has already been completed successfully. Representative from e-club Global Travelers will be visiting Bangladesh during October 2025.
7. Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq volunteered to host the next Board Meeting.
8. It was decided to request Rtn. Rizwana to update the Club Website
9. Finally members present thanked Club President for introducing cake cutting ceremony in observance of birthdays of Rotarians of RC Baridhara.

Message from Rotary International President 2025-26

October 2025



President, Rotary International, 2025-26

Francesco Arezzo

October is Rotary's Community Economic Development Month, a time to spotlight our efforts to help communities build thriving, sustainable futures. This month's observance aligns perfectly with the Rotary core value of leadership. Leadership means empowering people to guide their own progress. That is precisely what Rotary's economic development projects aim to achieve.

Take, for example, a recent initiative in southern India in which Rotary members unlocked the power of women of the Adivasi tribal groups through sewing training to earn a living and regain social inclusion. Historically, widows and abandoned women in this region lose social standing and are shunned by society or blamed for their misfortunes. Opportunities to support themselves or obtain training are minimal.

This year, the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland, Ontario, partnered with clubs in Districts 3203 and 3234 in India — and with the Indian organization Sevalaya Trust — to provide sewing machines and training to 80 Adivasi women. They learned to stitch saree blouses, kurta tunics, and salwar suits, enabling them to support themselves and their families. Each woman received a certificate for completing the program, and the sewing-machine provider offered free long-term maintenance for the machines. The project offered vital income and dignity to women ostracized by society after widowhood.

This story is one example of Rotary leadership in action: local people guiding solutions that address their community needs. Our role is not to deliver charity or to impose outside models, but to foster self-reliance by investing in leadership, skills, and sustainable enterprise.

This October, I invite Rotary members worldwide to reflect on economic leadership in their communities. Who is stepping forward to lead local economic initiatives? Where is there untapped talent that could be supported with training or mentorship? How can your club catalyze opportunity through partnerships with local businesses, vocational schools, or savings groups?

Leadership is not always about being visible. Sometimes it means listening, working collaboratively, and amplifying the voices of others. That approach lies at the heart of Rotary's philosophy and our lasting impact on economic development.

By building capacity — whether through microcredit groups, vocational training workshops, or entrepreneurship programs — we enable communities to lead their own transformation. When people take ownership of their progress, change becomes sustainable.

Let us lead with good intention and provide support with heart. By nurturing local leadership, we can create opportunities that ripple through communities, empowering individuals, families, and societies.

Together, we can support economies that work for everyone and enact community development projects that last.

Club Secretary's Column

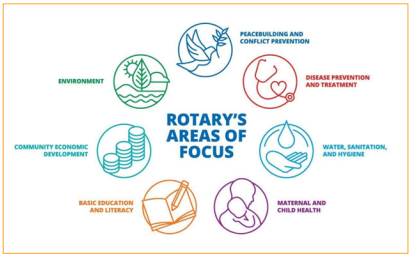
Economic and Community Development



Secretary 2025-26
Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

Rotary's Economic and Community Development Month October focuses on empowering communities by supporting entrepreneurs, providing vocational training, promoting financial literacy, and fostering sustainable livelihoods. Ideas for Rotary clubs include partnering with local microlenders to offer mobile banking and microloans, supporting small businesses with business planning and accounting training, organizing farmers' markets to boost local economies, and providing vocational skills training in areas like sewing, baking, or plumbing.
Projects to do -
1. Supporting Local Economies & Entrepreneurs
2. Partner with Microlenders: Collaborate with microlenders to increase access to financial services and develop mobile banking options for communities.
3. Support Small Businesses: Provide training in business planning and financial accounting to local entrepreneurs.
4. Organize Farmers' Markets: Set up markets to promote local produce and support small-scale farmers.
5. Buy Local: When implementing service projects in developing communities, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy.
6. Developing Skills & Livelihoods
7. Provide Vocational Training: Offer job placement programs and teach skills like sewing, baking, or plumbing to community members.
8. Support Cooperatives: Partner with and provide equipment to cooperatives that offer training and joint economic ventures for members.
9. Offer Financial Literacy Training: Empower individuals, particularly women, by providing courses on financial management and how to access and use financial resources.
10. Fostering Sustainable Development
11. Promote Sustainable Farming: Teach farmers techniques to control soil erosion, improve soil fertility, and market their produce to increase yields.
12. Focus on Long-Term Solutions: Emphasize initiatives that lead to enduring economic improvement and well-being, rather than temporary fixes.
13. Empower Communities: Focus on creating opportunities and building the capacity of individuals and communities to create their own sustainable futures.

Rotary's Areas of Focus



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY: Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children, and literacy for children and adults

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH: Rotary supports activities and training to improve maternal health and reduce mortality for children under five. Projects strengthen the health care system-4 by improving access to and expanding medical services, providing medical equipment, and training health care personnel.

PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION: Rotary supports training, education, and practices related to peace building and conflict prevention through initiatives that help transform-1 conflict in our communities and around the world.

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: Rotary supports activities that reduce the causes and effects of disease. Projects strengthen the health care system-3 by improving access to and expanding medical services, providing medical equipment, or training health care personnel.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE: Rotary supports activities that encourage the management and protection of freshwater resources and provide universal and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene. TRF seeks to empower governments, institutions, and communities to manage their water, sanitation, and hygiene services through environmentally sound, measurable, and sustainable interventions.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Rotary supports investments in people and communities to alleviate poverty, creating measurable and enduring economic improvements in poor and underserved areas.

ENVIRONMENT: Rotary supports activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance environmental sustainability, and foster harmony between people and the environment. At Rotary, environmental sustainability means ensuring the responsible care and use of Earth's natural resources for the greatest benefit of living things in a way that supports ecological integrity, planetary health, and future generations

Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of _____

Club bylaws supplement the Standard Rotary Club Constitution with common club practices. The bylaws in this document are recommendations, but once adopted are binding for the members of the club. Customize them to reflect your club's practices, and confirm that they are not in conflict with the RI Constitution and Bylaws, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution (except where permitted), and the Rotary Code of Policies. Articles that your club is required to include are noted below.

Article 1 Definitions

1. Board : The board of directors of this club.
2. Director : A director on this club's board.
3. Member : A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
4. Quorum : The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a majority of the directors for club board decisions.
5. RI : Rotary International.
6. Year : The 12-month period beginning 1 July.

Your club may choose how it defines a quorum for voting purposes.

Article 2 Board

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

The Standard Rotary Club Constitution requires a club's bylaws to include article 2. The officers listed above are required to be members of the club board. Your club's board may have additional members, such as the vice president, the president-nominee, sergeant-at-arms, or other directors. If your club has satellite clubs, list their club board members in this article, also.

Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1 — One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and any open director positions. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee, by members from the floor, or both.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

President — one year
Vice President — _____
Treasurer — _____
Secretary — _____
Sergeant-at-arms — _____
Director — _____

The Standard Rotary Club Constitution requires that your club's bylaws specify an election process. If a nominating committee is used, include details of how it is appointed. The term of office for a club president is specified as one year in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. When a successor is not elected, the current president's term can be extended for up to one year.

Article 4 Duties of the Officers

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

Section 2 — The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board.

Section 3 — The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office and serves as a director.

Section 4 — The vice president presides at club and board meetings when the president is absent.

Section 5 — A director attends club and board meetings.

Section 6 — The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.

Section 7 — The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.
Section 8 — The sergeant-at-arms maintains order in club meetings.

See Rotary club leader manuals for details on the roles and responsibilities of club officers.

Article 5 Meetings
Section 1 — An annual meeting of this club is held no later than 31 December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.
Section 2 — This club meets as follows: _____. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.
Section 3 — Board meetings are held each month. Special meetings of the board are called with reasonable notice by the president or upon the request of two directors.

The Standard Rotary Club Constitution requires club bylaws to include article 5, section 2.

Article 6 Dues
Annual club dues are _____. They are paid as follows: _____. Annual club dues include RI per capita dues, subscriptions to an official magazine, district per capita dues, club fees, and any other Rotary or district per capita assessment.

The Standard Rotary Club Constitution requires club bylaws to include article 6.

Article 7 Method of Voting
The business of this club is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands except in the election of officers and directors, which is conducted by ballot. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions.

Include satellite club voting procedures here.

Article 8 Committees
Section 1 —This club's committees comprise those listed in article 11, section 7, of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, as well as the following: _____.
Section 2 — The president is an ex officio member of all committees.
Section 3 — Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the board on all committee activities.

Club committees coordinate their efforts to achieve the club's annual and long-term goals.

Article 9 Finances
Section 1 — Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.
Section 2 — The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions designated by the board, divided into two accounts: one for club operations and one for service projects.
Section 3 — Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer and approved by two other officers or directors.
Section 4 — A qualified person conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.
Section 5 — Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club for the previous year at the annual meeting. Club members shall also receive a mid-year financial report, including income and expenses of the first six months of the current year, at a meeting held by 31 January.
Section 6 — The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

Article 10 Method of Electing Members
Section 1 — A member of this club or another club proposes a candidate for membership to the board and/or the membership committee.
Section 2 — The board approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.
Section 3 — If the board approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

A process to address objections raised by current members may also be included here.

Article 11 Amendments
These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

Rotary Club of Baridhara

Birthday Greetings

10 October
Rtn. Mamunur Rashid, PHF

12 October
Rtn. Kabir Ahmed

13 October
Rtn. Ali Ashfaq, MPHF

Wedding Anniversary

1 October
Rtn. Syed Ershad Ahmed, MPHF
&
Rumee Ahmed, PHF

9 October
Rtn. Barrister Fatema Shahed Chowdhury, PHF
&
Masood R. Sobhan

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Prof. Dr. Golam Mohiuddin Faruque
President and Project Director
Bangladesh Cancer Society

Prof. Dr. Golam Mohiuddin Faruque is a distinguished oncologist and health economist with over three decades of extensive experience in cancer care, public health policy, and medical education. Currently serving as the President and Project Director of the Bangladesh Cancer Society, he is leading the development of a state-of-the-art 250-bed comprehensive cancer hospital and welfare home, a landmark initiative aimed at expanding access to quality cancer treatment and support services in Bangladesh.

Prior to this role, Prof. Dr. Faruque served for 34 years in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and retired as the Head of the Department of Radiotherapy at Dhaka Medical College. He also held key academic and leadership roles, including Head of the Department of Oncology at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and Visiting Professor at Dhaka National Medical College.

With postgraduate qualifications in both clinical oncology and health economics, Prof. Dr. Faruque brings a unique blend of clinical expertise and policy insight. He served as Project Director of a five-year initiative supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), completed in 2014, and has successfully led two major collaborative projects with the American Cancer Society.

He is a founding member and former president of the Bangladesh Society of Radiation Oncologists, and a Founding Councillor of the Federation of Asian Radiation Oncology (FARO)—a regional network comprising 14 countries across Asia. He currently serves as Principal Adviser to the Cancer Services and Research Center (CSRC).

Prof. Dr. Faruque is also actively involved in national tobacco control efforts. He is a member of the National Task Force on Tobacco Control, and contributes to the United Forum Against Tobacco (UFAT) and the Bangladesh Network for Tobacco Tax Policy (BNTTP).

His lifelong commitment to advancing oncology services, health policy, and public health advocacy continues to have a transformative impact on cancer care in Bangladesh and across the region.

Club Activities

Glimpses from 690th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting













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)



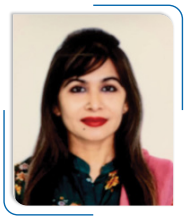
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Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum



Secretary
Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B



Treasurer
Rtn. Wahid Anwar



Joint Secretary
Rtn. Kamrun Alam Dahlia



Sergeant at Arms
Rtn. Niamul Haque



Club Trainer
Rtn. Noor Mohammad Dicon, PHF



Director, International Service
Rtn. Syed Enamul Husain, PHF



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



Director, Youth Service
Rtn. Ajanta Israt, PHF



Director, Vocational Service
Rtn. Ali Ashfaq, FCA, MPHF



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Committee Heads for 2025-26



Rotary Foundation
Rtn. Syed Ershad Ahmed, MPHF, MD



Membership
Rtn. Sheikh Nasim Imam, PHF



Service Projects
Rtn. Saiful Huq, FCA, PHF



Club Administration
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