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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.

"Friendliness knows no bounds; it surmounts all barriers; it navigates all seas."
-Paul Harris - 1935

Editorial Note



Dear Rotarians,

Assalamu Alaikum.

February is a month of remembrance, resilience, and renewal. For us in Bangladesh, it carries the profound legacy of the Language Movement, reminding us that unity, sacrifice, and courage can shape the destiny of a nation. As Rotarians, this spirit resonates deeply with our mission of service above self, where collective action and compassion create lasting impact.

This month also marks a season of reflection and forward momentum. Our club continues to champion humanitarian initiatives, strengthen partnerships, and spotlight the values of inclusivity and sustainability. Each project we undertake, whether in health, education, or community development, echoes the same determination that February symbolizes: the determination to build a better tomorrow.

Let us carry this inspiration into our Rotary journey. May our efforts in February and beyond embody the resilience of our heritage and the hope of our shared future. Together, we can transform challenges into opportunities and service into legacy.

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: **697**

(Draft for approval)

Date: 25th January 2026 | Time: 6:30 PM | Venue: The Westin Hotel, Dhaka

o The 697th Regular Meeting of R. C. Baridhara was called to order by Club President Rtn. Meherun Nessa Islam.

o Rotary Invocation was read by Rtn. N. K. A. Mobin, President Elect of R.C. Baridhara (2026-27).

o At the request of the Club President, Rtn. PP Syeda Ajanta Israt PHF conveyed the Birthday Greetings to Rtn. PP Safwan Hossain Khan MPHF on behalf of
the club members.

o 696th Meeting Minutes were presented by Club Secretary Rtn. PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B. As per proposal of Rtn. PP Sheikh Nasim Imam PHF, seconded by Rtn. PP Khan Mohammed Ali MPHF the minutes were confirmed.

*** Finance & Subscription Matters -**

o Upon enquiry it was confirmed that BDT 180,000 has not yet been raised from the interested members of R.C. Baridhara for supporting the Permanent Project of donating essential medicines to Shishu Hospital, Agargaon, Dhaka during the current Rotary Year 2025-26. It was therefore decided by the members present in the meeting to request interested Rotarians of RCB to make contribution for this project, so that, RCB could fulfill

its commitment of supporting Shishu Hospital by donating essential medicines worth of Tk.180,000 during the current RI Year.

o Discussion was made to expedite the half-yearly dues collection for 2025-26 from RCB Members.

o Finance-related other updates were deferred to future meeting due to Club Treasurer's absence.

- **Project Proposals**

o RCC Kushtia project discussed

o Successful distribution of 100 blankets by Baridhara Rotaractors.

o New request has been received for bicycles for RCC in Kushtia. This proposal will be formally submitted to the Board Meeting in February for consideration.

- **Documentation & Governance**

o Strong recommendation by club members to formalize meeting minutes, especially Board meeting records.

o Proposal to:

o Archive minutes as PDF files

o Maintain a centralized Google Drive archive

o Importance of documentation for audits, district visits, and institutional memory emphasized.

o Board Members present acknowledged the suggestions and agreed to improve documentation practices.

- **Membership & Participation**

o Concern raised regarding low attendance (approx. 32%).

o Emphasis on increasing member engagement and participation.

o Detail discussion were held on the future need for a full-time or paid assistant/secretary.

o Proposal to provide fixed remuneration to an assistant to be discussed in the February Board Meeting.

- **Humanitarian Support Decision**

o Decision was taken to urgently deliver the financial assistance raised by RCB for rebuilding the house of the driver of Rtn. Niyamul. Documentation and photographs of the said project to be maintained as per club rules.

- **Achievements & Recognitions**

o RCB received Outstanding Achievement / Half-Yearly Club Citation on 20th January 2026 at the D64/D65 Joint Half Yearly Conference.

o Certificate obtained through timely reporting of club activities to D64 and uploading of achievements on MyRotary.

o Appreciation expressed by Club Secretary to:

o Bulletin Editor Rtn. Aleya Ferdous Diptee

o VP Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum for updating achievements on MyRotary.

o Club Secretariate (Avijit and Ayon)

- **Major Service Activities recently conducted**

o Distribution of 620 blankets across 6 districts (Dhaka, Gazipur, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Kisoregonj and Kushtia).

o Physical participation by Baridhara Rotaractors and Interactors in Dhaka, Gazipur and Kushtia guided by Club Youth Service Director Rtn. Tapash Kumar Saha.

o Special contribution made by Rtn. PP Ali Ashfaq FCA MPHF, Rtn. Rizwana Tabassum and Rtn. IPP Javed Hyder Kareem

o Sponsorship and participation in BAPA (Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon) events.

o Club Secretary Rtn.PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B chaired a session on Challenges of Urbanization at the National Conference of BAPA on 9th January 2026 at KIB.

- **Membership development -**

o Two prospective members were introduced:

o Retired Additional Secretary Mahmuda Begum - Mentor Club Secretary Rtn.PP Ambassador Mosud Mannan ndc MPHF B

o Retired Army Colonel Md. Zahirul Haque - Mentor Rtn.PP Syed Ershad Ahmed MPHF, MD.

o To be discussed further at the Board level.

- **Attendance & Speaker Quality**

o Discussion on introducing 100% attendance awards at end of every Rotary Year.

o Emphasis on inviting quality speakers to improve attendance and engagement.

o Suggestion to arrange joint meetings of Rotary Clubs with well reputed speakers.

Club Statistics

Number of Rotarians-51
Members present - 18
Members absent - 33
Member Make Up - 02
Guest Present - nil
Attendance Percentage - 35.29%

- **Closing Notes**

o Club Secretary requested Members to be present at the meeting on 8th February 2026 in greater number with friends and associates to enjoy the presentation of Globe Trotter Mrs. Eliza Binte Elahi.

o Finally the meeting was adjourned by the Club President with thanks to members present.

Message from Rotary International President 2025-26

February 2026



Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International, 2025-26

This February, as we observe Peace building and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women triple the goal completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can ***Create Lasting Impact*** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Club Secretary's Column

Women in Rotary



Secretary 2025-26
Rtn. PP Mosud Mannan MPHF B

Today we celebrate 37 years of a historic moment that transformed Rotary International - Women's Inclusion!!!.

Since 1989, your leadership, commitment and vision have strengthened our service and expanded our impact in communities around the world.

Rotary is stronger when it's diverse and history continues to be written with equality and action.

Evolution of Women in Rotary International

1911 - The first exclusion: Just six years after Rotary's founding, the Board of Directors declares women ineligible for membership.

1923 - The Manchester Attempt: The Rotary Club of Manchester (England) proposes to allow women, but the proposal is rejected at the Saint Louis Convention.

1950 - The Constant "No": For decades, clubs in India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and other countries have submitted proposals to remove the word "masculine" from the statute, but they are always defeated in the Legislative Council.

1977 - Club of Duarte breaks the mold: The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admits three women (Mary Lou Elliott, Rosemary Freitag and Donna Bogart) to celebrate their 25th anniversary. Rotary International withdraws their constitutional charter.

1983 - The Legal Battle: The Duarte Club sues Rotary International alleging discrimination. Case escalates in California courts.

1986 - A door wide open: The Legislative Council votes to allow clubs in India to admit women, but the measure is reconsidered and quickly rejected.

May 4, 1987 - The historic ruling: The U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs cannot exclude women for their gender. Rotary International announces USA Clubs UU. they can now admit them.

1989 - Global Formality: The Legislative Council votes to remove the requirement to be "male" in statutory around the world. The woman becomes a full-fledged partner at the international level.

1995 - First Female Governors: Eight women take over as District Governors, marking the beginning of women in district leadership.

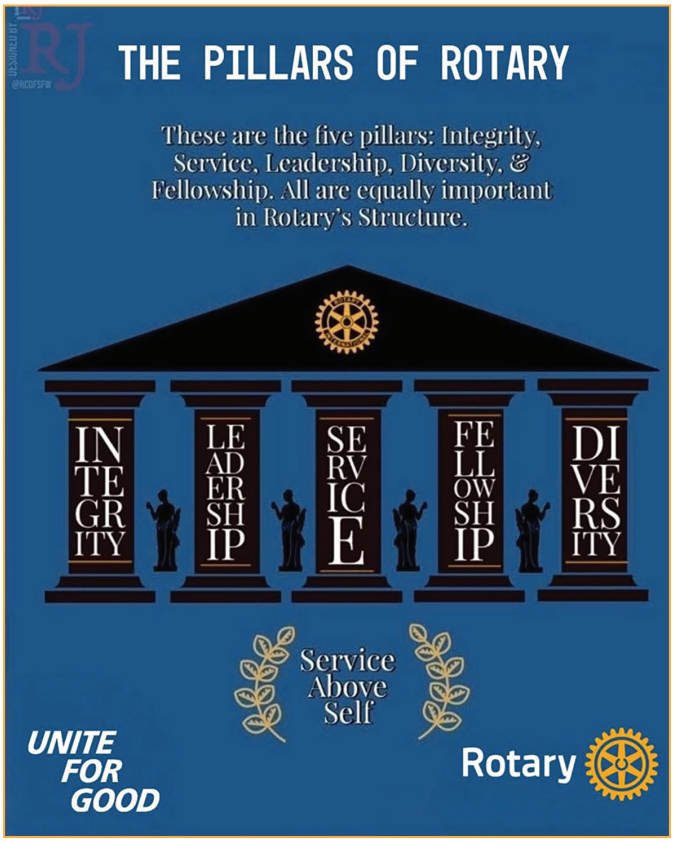
2022 - Glass Ceiling Breaks: Jennifer Jones (of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Canada) becomes the first female President of Rotary International in its 117-year history.

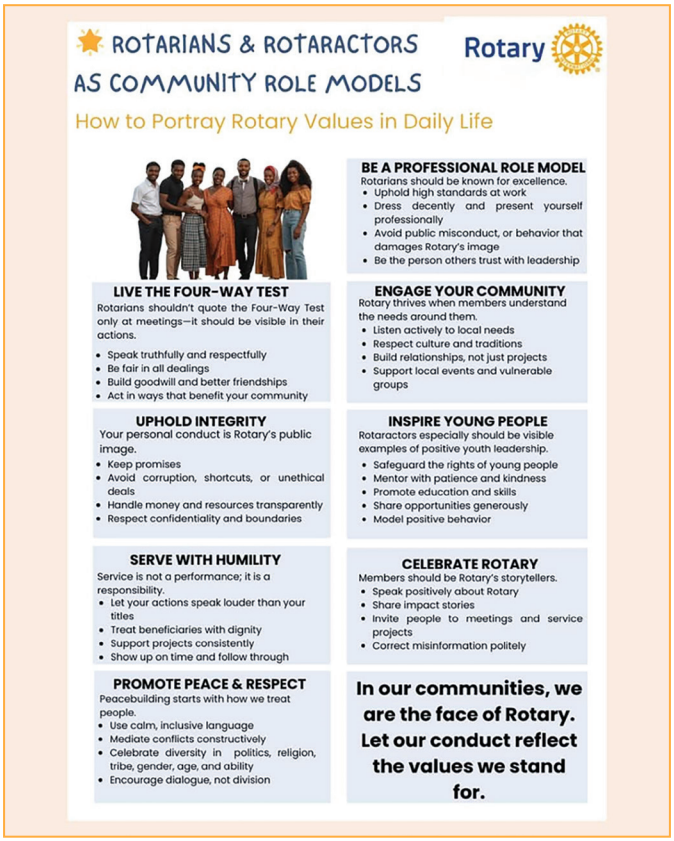


The five core values of Rotary reflect what guides Rotarians in service and leadership:

- Service – Putting others first and making a positive difference in communities.
- Fellowship – Building meaningful friendships and connections across cultures.
- Diversity – Valuing different perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences.
- Integrity – Acting ethically and being accountable in all we do.
- Leadership – Using skills and influence to inspire positive change.

Together, these values drive Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.





- Rotaractors in Bangladesh serve as ethical leaders and community role models, guided by the Rotary motto "Service Above Self."
- They actively contribute to education, healthcare, sanitation, and poverty alleviation through sustainable community projects.
- Rotaractors and Rotarians together promote youth leadership, integrity, and volunteerism, inspiring the next generation.
- Through public–private collaboration, Rotary supports social harmony, inclusion, and national development goals.
- By leading with compassion and professionalism, Rotaractors set a benchmark for responsible citizenship in society.

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention: Rotary's Call to Action

February is designated by Rotary International as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, a time to reflect on one of the most urgent needs of our world and one of the most profound responsibilities of our movement.

Peace is not merely the absence of war; it is the presence of justice, equity, and opportunity. Conflict prevention is not only about resolving disputes but also about addressing the root causes, poverty, inequality, exclusion, and lack of dialogue. Rotary, with its global network of 1.4 million members, stands uniquely positioned to foster peace through service, education, and collaboration.

Rotary's Global Commitment

- Rotary has established Peace Centers across the world, training leaders who dedicate their lives to mediation, diplomacy, and community resilience.
- Through scholarships and fellowships, Rotary empowers individuals to become agents of peace, equipping them with the tools to transform conflict into cooperation.
- Clubs worldwide engage in grassroots initiatives, building schools, improving healthcare, and promoting economic development, because sustainable peace begins with strong, inclusive communities.

The Role of Rotary Club of Baridhara

As part of this global family, our club carries the responsibility to nurture peace within our own communities. Bangladesh's history reminds us of the cost of conflict and the value of unity. By supporting education, health equity, and humanitarian service, we contribute to a culture where differences are respected and dialogue is prioritized.

This month, let us:

- Promote dialogue in our projects, ensuring inclusivity and respect for diverse voices.
- Support youth initiatives, empowering the next generation to be peace builders.
- Collaborate with partners, both local and international, to amplify our impact in conflict prevention.

A Call to Rotarians

Peacebuilding is not a distant ideal, it is a daily practice. Every act of kindness, every effort to bridge divides, and every project that uplifts the vulnerable is a step toward a more peaceful world. As Rotarians, we are called to be ambassadors of hope, advocates of justice, and builders of bridges.

Let February inspire us to recommit to this mission. Together, we can transform communities, prevent conflicts, and create a legacy of peace that endures for generations.

Profile of the Esteemed Guest Speaker



Eliza Binte Elahi

Travelogue Writer and Documentary Film Maker

At present, I am an explorer (travelled 61 countries and 64 districts of Bangladesh), travelogue writer and travel documentary maker who love to know, explore and write regarding Heritage, Culture and History .

As an Explorer:

I love travelling, I consider myself a traveller who loves to explore and know Heritage, culture and History of the world. I explored 64 districts of Bangladesh and 61 countries in the world.

I travel with a purpose. I travelled 64 Districts of Bangladesh to promote the Heritage Tourism of Bangladesh. Built my own project by my own expenses named "QUEST...a heritage journey of Bangladesh ".During my visit I talk with local people, local journalists, different youth organizations like PROTHOM ALO BONDHUSOVA, SCOUTS, PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, CYCLING GROUP, AMERICAN CORNERS to build the awareness of saving heritages of Bangladesh of their own districts and promoting the importance of " HERITAGE TOURISM in BANGLADESH " and branding Bangladesh through HERITAGE TOURISM .

As a travelogue writer:

As an independent travelogue contributor to the most prominent national dailies in English and Bangla- The Daily Star, The Daily Prothom Alo , The Daily Star , The Daily Banik Barta , Samakal , The Bisiness Standard , Dhaka Tribune, helped me in building confidence as a freelance travel writer. On the journey toward that lofty goal I have published my few travel books:

- Eliza's Travel Diary
- Eliza's Travel Diary 2
- পূর্ব আফ্রিকার তিন কাহন
- হাসনাত আবদুল হাই এর সাথে কিছুক্ষণ
- শামীম আমিনুর রহমান এর ঐতিহ্যজগৎ
- রোড টু পামির

As a Documentary Film Maker :

So far I produced 13 travel documentaries and directed 1 travel documentary. I used to make travel documentaries on historical content and unique women historical personalities whom I found while travelling. A names of the documentaries are stated below:

- In search of Jeannette Van Tassel (2020)
- Our Road to Freedom (2020)
- Hariprobha Takeda: An Unsung Traveller of Bengal (2021)
- Tombs: Tea Planters Cemeteries in Sylhet , Bangladesh (2022)
- Leelaboti Nag : The Rebel (2023)
- Road to Pamir (2024)

Received Award:

- জাতীয় চলচ্চিত্র পুরস্কার ২০২৩ (প্রামাণ্যচিত্র লীলাবতী নাগঃ দ্য রেবেল)
- Heritage Storyteller Award 2025 (Chittagong)
- U. S. State Govt Alumni (Participant of IVLP 2022) International Visitor Leadership Program (for showcasing Heritage and Culture of Bangladesh)
- "Prothom Alo and VSO award 2019" স্বেচ্ছাসেবা সম্মাননা
- Rin নামকরা নারী , ২০২২
- Vocational Excellence Award , Rotary Club of Uttara (2022)
- UNDP , change maker , 2021
- Woman Traveller , University of Dhaka Research Institute , 2019 - for her contribution in the travel and tourism of Bangladesh .
- Swapnojatri Award 2022 (National Pride)

Club Activities

Glimpses from 697th Fortnightly Regular Club Meeting



















Birthday Greetings

1 February
Rtn. Mohammad Nazmul Huq Bhuiyan, FCA

6 February
Rtn. Wahid Anwar, PHF

10 February
Rtn. Md. Giasuddin Miah

14 February
Rtn. Kamrun Nahar Alam

28 February
Rtn. Syed Ershad Ahmed, MPHF, MD

Wedding Anniversary

1 February
Rtn. Noor Mohammad Dicon, PHF
Ms. Farah Mahmuda Bipasha

9 February
Rtn. Saiful Huq, FCA, MBA, PHF
Dr. Rowshan Jahan Akhter, MD

14 February
Rtn. Meer Sajed-Ul-Basher, FCA, PHF
Ms. Tasneem Sajed

20 February
Rtn. Md. Kamruzzaman, PHF
Ms. Fatema Sharmin

22 February
Rtn. Md. Yousuf, PHF
Ms. Taslima Afroz

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