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1646th REGULAR MEETING

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WE WELCOME MEMBERS TO THE 3RD CLUB ASSEMBLY FOR THE RY-2022-2023

VISIT TO NABADIGANTA LEPROSY COLONY-DURGAPUR ON 4.3.2023

Visit to Nabadiganta Leprosy Colony, Gopinathpur, Durgapur- 713211, approx. 180 KM from the Kolkata City, was long overdue to witness and assess the progress of various ongoing projects being implemented there. The journey was quite tiring and became tough due to ongoing expansion of National Highway to 6 lanes. We finally made it and the warm welcome extended to us by the villagers made us forget the rigorous of the journey.

We (Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan) are implementing following projects currently (1) Production of Vermicompost (2) Cultivation of Mushrooms and (3) Fish farming in the Pond. Vermicompost project has now been completed and is ready with the first batch of materials to be sold to Nurseries etc. The cycle is of 6 months. Very soon, all the 10 pits will come under production. We are quite hopeful that the local community will be able to earn money and re-cycle the same to produce materials regularly. This will also engage leprosy affected families with sustainable work.

The civil work for Cultivation of Mushrooms has already started and is likely to be completed very soon. This will again engage some villagers and will be sustainable earning facility to the local community. We also surveyed our fish farming project which has just started in one of the ponds of Nabadiganta. It will take another 6 months for cultivation of various fishes, which again will be bread earner for some villagers and again is a highly sustainable project.

Our President Rtn Dr. V K Nevatia is focusing on hygiene, particularly about the women folk, by distributing Sanitary Napkins every quarter. In presence of President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, Sanitary Napkins were distributed to female villagers for the 3rd quarter. This initiative is well appreciated by the villagers.

Not to be left behind, we ensure that the children of Nabadiganta Leprosy Colony are also taken care of by distributing brownies to them. They were quite happy and excited.

A word for our First Lady Lata Nevatia, who ensured and took pains in providing us with properly packed sumptuous breakfast and homemade lunch for all of us, which made our journey enjoyable with a tinge of Picnic. Our PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta mentioned after the visit that it was really worthwhile to spend whole working day to see the implementation of various projects at Nabadiganta Leprosy Colony.





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PP RTN SUBIR DUTTA ON BUDGET PRESENTATION-2023

PP Rtn Subir Dutta highlighted important points/items about Budget-2023 on 25.2.2023 while speaking as Speaker. It was a well thought and planned Budget by the Government of India. It has vision for coming years to make India economically strong and balanced. The finance minister avoided popular schemes, which are normally the norm in every Budget instead she mentioned about the achievements in various schemes by the Government of India. It is growth Budget.

Thanks PP Rtn Subir Dutta making a wonderful presentation on Budget-2023.



MINUTES OF 1645thREGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 2023 AT 2.00PM AT THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001

- 1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1645thRegular Meeting to order.
- 2. President requested requested PP Rtn Subir Dutta to join the Head table.
- 3. National Anthem was recited by all present.
- 4. Minutes of RM-1644 dated 11.2.2023 were read and confirmed.
- 5. President informed about the following activities done:
 - Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony was held on 11.2.2023, which was well organized and attended by awardee family and friends. Detailed report was published in Metro Voice dated 25.2.2023.
 - When the whole world was Celebrating Valentine Day on 14.2.2023, our Girls in PLC decided to remember the victims of Pulwama, who were massacred by the terrorists on this day four year back. What a thought and admirable effort by the Girls students and Teachers of PACE Learning Centre. Our respect to all students and teachers of the school.
 - Vermicomposting project is in full swing and so is cultivation of Mushroom at Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur. The Club propose to visit the site on 4.3.2023 to see the work done. Details will be communicated to the members about the trip.

Forthcoming Events

- 25.03.2023 Regular Meeting at The Conclave at 2.00 PM
- 08.04.2023 Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 22.04.2023 Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM
- 06.05.2023 Regular Meeting and 4th Club Assembly for the RY-2022-2023 at CSC at 2.00 PM
- **14.05.2023** Regular Meeting and DG Official visit to the Club at CSC at 7.00 PM
- 03.06.2023 Regular Meeting and COTS for the Team RY-2023-2024
- 24.06.2023 Regular Meeting and Thanks Giving Day
- **08.07.2023** Regular Meeting and 38th Installation Ceremony for the RY-2023-2024 at CSC at 7.00 PM. DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav will be the Chief Guest

- President informed that PP Rtn Lalit Beriwala has to travel so was unable to attend the today's Regular Meeting. The Certificate for the Best Rotarian for the month of December-2022 will be handed over to him in the next Regular Meeting.
- 7. President requested PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta to introduce speaker PP Rtn Subir Dutta.
- 8. PP Rtn Subir Dutta highlighted important points/items about Budget-2023. It was a well thought and planned Budget by the Government of India. It has vision for coming years to make India economically strong and balanced. The Finance Minister avoided popular schemes, which are normally the norm in every Budget instead she mentioned about the achievements in various schemes etc. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta and Rtn Narendra Berlia and others participated in Q & A sessions
- 9. Vote of thanks was given by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee.
- 10. President requested Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta to make Club announcements.
- 11. Acting Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Guptan made the Club announcements. She informed about the forthcoming events and Marriage Anniversary greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.500/over and above as usual. The overall attendance was 9.
- 12. There was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

11.03.2023 - PP Rtn Lalit Beriwala and Ann Roshni **11.03.2023** - PP Rtn Roshni Beriwala and spouse Lalit



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