

## INNER VOICE

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In a touching and deeply relevant programme, Rtn Mahesh Keyal organized the felicitation of all the visually impaired students who passed Madhyamik Examination 2025 from the State of West Bengal on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. This year 224 visually challenged students passed Madhyamik, out of which 10 students secured more than 88% and 26 students secured star marks (more than 75%).

On this occasion, 10 students securing 88% or more marks were presented with laptops along with screen reading software. All the other students were presented with smart phones along with reading software. The basic objects of organising this function are:

1.To provide encouragement and make available adaptive devices to students for carrying out their future studies.

2, To create awareness about the ability of visually challenged persons, which is perhaps the biggest challenge before us. As the people do not have any confidence on the ability of the visually challenged persons the employment or engagements for them have become a dream. 99% of the visually challenged population are unemployed and leading a pathetic life. As such, industries and other organisations are requested to come forward and stand beside these differently abled persons, so that they can lead a meaningful life

The programme was graced by **Hon'ble Justice Ashim Kumar Roy** – Lokayukta, West Bengal, Former Judge of Calcutta High Court, Chairman of West Bengal Clinical Establishment Regulatory Commission who graced the function as Chief Guest. He commended the students for their brilliant performance and the organisation for their philanthropist work. Also gracing the occasion were:

**Dr. Pranav Kumar** - Additional Commissioner of Police (II) also graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. He congratulated meritorious students on their brilliant success and assured his support for the noble cause.

**Shri Jasdeep Singh** – Pr. Director of Income Tax who graced the function as Guest of Honour. He congratulated the students on their brilliant success and appreciated the efforts of the foundation in assisting the visually challenged students in pursuing their higher studies.

**Shri Ajai Singh** – Joint Controller of Explosives who appreciated the academic achievement, spirit of determination, courage, and perseverance.

**Shri Atul Priyadarshi** – Chief General Manager (Retail), Indian Oil for their gracious presence at the felicitation function. He congratulated the students and emphasised that visual impairment is not a hurdle for success and sighted the example of Dilip Loyalka who is a Chartered Accountant, authored many books and is an efficient dealer of Indian Oil Corporation Limited. His wife Mrs. Ravirashmi Priyadarshi also graced the function.

Shri Mahesh Keyal, Chairman of Four Star Export House, who congratulated and appreciated the hard work of the blind students on their brilliant success.

The organization expressed deep sense of gratitude for their presence in the function despite their busy schedule. They also gave their thanks to Mortex India Private Limited, Ratan Lal Ramchandra Ganeriwala Foundation, Loyalka Foundation and Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City for their generous contribution. They were also grateful to Shri Vineet Kumar Additional Commissioner of Income Tax, Shri S.Ibungoton Singh GM (Retail) IOCL, Shri Pradiptamay Saha, Smt Nayantara Pal Choudhary, Shri K.K.Agarwal, Shri Vivek Agarwal, Shri Bishnu Ganeriwala, Smt Mala Ganeriwala, Shri J.R.Bhandari, Smt Neha Chhawchharia, Mrs. Aneesa Zainab for sparing their valuable time and gracing the function. Thanks was also given to Sri Vijay Dalan and authorities of Birla Academy for providing the auditorium and other amenities as well as to all volunteers and all those who have directly or indirectly helped us in making the event successful.











#### MINUTES OF THE 1640<sup>th</sup> RWM & A SEMINAR ON AI IN EDUCATION - Pluses & Minuses 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at CALCUTTA CLUB PAVILION

- 1. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City organized a Seminar on "AI in Education Pluses and Minuses" as a part of the RWM. PDG Rtn. Rajani Sen was also present at the Seminar
- 2. The RWM commenced with Rtn. Rakhee Biswas Gandhi leading the National anthem
- 3. PDG Rtn. Nayantara Palchowdhury addressed the assembled members and guests on the Inner-City project on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September where laptops, smart phones and digital recorders were distributed to 120 visually challenged students. This project was sponsored by Rtn. Mahesh Kayal. This was very well received by the club members and guests.
- 4. AG Rtn. Ms. Dutta, at the request of the President informed the audience that her club Rotary Club of North Calcutta was conducting a CPR camp on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September at Nehru Children's Museum led by Dr. Swapan De. She invited the members of RC Inner City to attend the program.
- 5. RC Inner City saw the participation of 20 educators for the Seminar which included Principals and senior teachers of a number of prestigious schools of Kolkata. This program was organized by PP Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu.
- 6. The President requested PP Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu to introduce the speakers for the Seminar Rtn. P R Ramesh, for Rotary Club of Hyderabad, (recorded address) Rtn. Arijit Sen, who leads the Creative Strategy & Storytelling division in Cap Gemini and is also the Charter Secretary of Rotary Calcutta Colts, and Professor Dr. Saswati Mukherjee. She holds a Master's in Engineering and a PhD in Information Technology from Jadavpur University. Associate Professor of Jadavpur University with 19 years of teaching experience behind her. PP Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu thanked the speakers for their presence and highlighted the relevance of the key topic of the Seminar.
- 7. PDG Rajani Mukherjee was felicitated by PDG Nayantara Pal Chowdhury.
- 8. PP Rtn. Pradeep requested PP Rtn. Pradeep Das to felicitate Prof. Saswati Mukherjee and Rtn. Brinda Mukherjee felicitated Rtn. Arijit Sen.
- 9. PDG Rajani addressed the assembly on the importance of education and the role that Rotary plays in the sphere of education both in the urban and rural areas, as a priority focus for Rotary under the "Happy School" Program and a grant of Rs. 3 lacs under EIRWT for sustainable education.
- 10. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul highlighted that RC Inner City has been setting up a toilet for girl students and ladies in Howrah. He also stated that Inner City was supporting the commencement of Phase 2 of the Swapnapuran Project.
- 11. PP Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu presented the audio-visual recording of Mr. P R Ramesh who addressed the impact technology on people's lives and that of AI in public life, as well as the human quotient in education.
- 12. Rtn. Arijit Sen made an interesting presentation on the role of AI in our daily lives, how education is changing with the advent of AI and gave the example of a role called Prompt engineering which didn't exist earlier. He mentioned that AI is racing ahead and there is a lot of deep fake stuff that's going on. He mentioned that AI can support humans but cannot replace a human. AI is as useful and effective or as flawed as its creator. The dangers of AI were highlighted by him, as there is no central body governing the ethical applications of AI. His talk was very well received by the audience.

- 13. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee gave an excellent talk on the various applications and tools of AI in education and how the same can assist both teachers and students in both teaching and learning. She spoke about the fact that AI cannot work on its own. It only responds to queries. It is non-autonomous in nature. She emphasized that AI is a part of our lives, and we need to embrace this technology. AI even allows the teacher to assess the emotion of the student and adjusts the content based on the student's understanding and response. She mentioned that all innovations have their pluses and minuses, and it is up to humans to manage the ethics of their applications. There was a very good interactive session between Dr. Mukherjee and the educators attending the seminar.
- 14. PP Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu summarized the key points of the speakers and stated that the presentations will be shared with the various participants.
- 15. President appraised the members about the RI Convention at Taipei. He also mentioned the option of early bird registration for the convention. He requested all to be a part of this convention and take advantage of the early bird registration
- 16. The vote of Thanks was delivered by Rtn. Amitava Ghose gave a very entertaining closing address which was highly appreciated by the assembly.
- 17. President announced 2 additional projects for September
  - a. Puja Parikrama for visual and differently abled people in association with Ballygunge Rotary Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September at Rotary Sadan at 9 am.
  - Medicine distribution for Thalassemia patients in association with Howrah Thalassemia hospital and Agradut Club Howrah on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 6 pm, at Agradut Club, 699
     Sarat Chatterjee Rd Howrah.
- 18. The President announced that the next RWM is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September at Calcutta club at 6.00 pm.
- 19. The attendance details are as follows:
  - c. Guests 23d. Members 19

Total 42

- 20. Sunshine box collection Rs.1800
- 21. There being no other matter, the President declared the meeting closed and invited the guests and members to enjoy the high tea.



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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 22.09.2025 PP Rtn Pradip Das will speak on Move to Serve Rotary Better
- 25.09.2025 Puja Parikrama for visually impaired and differently abled persons in association with Ballygunge Rotary Club.
- 26.09.2025 Medicine distribution for Thalassemia patients in association with Howrah Thalassemia hospital and Agradut club Howrah at 6 pm at Agradut club, 699 Sarat Chatterjee Road, Howrah.

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