



On 15th October Goonj team members along with their collaborators Global Shapers Kolkata Hub told our members about their activities which include collecting old clothes to be distributed among the underprivileged. They will not collect the old clothes that evening but tell us about the location of their dropping centres or they'll conduct a drive at a certain location suitable to us at a mutually agreed later date. Kindly make it convenient to attend.



ABOUT OUR VISITORS:

Muskan Sethia is the Vice Curator of the Global Shapers Kolkata Hub, an initiative under the World Economic Forum. She's a Fellow at the Mercedes-Benz beVisioneer Fellowship.

She is deeply committed to advancing climate action and sustainability, having conducted awareness sessions on greenwashing, green entrepreneurship, and environmental education, as well as organizing tree plantation drives that have resulted in the planting of over 100 trees.

Currently, Muskan leads Project ReWeave, an initiative focused on addressing textile waste and promoting sustainable fashion. Through this project, she and her team have organized seven collection drives in the past two months, successfully diverting over 2,000 kg of textile waste from landfills and fostering a circular economy within local communities in collaboration with Goonj.

By profession, Muskan is a Chartered Accountant in practice, specializing in taxation and sustainability, where she integrates financial expertise with a strong commitment to environmental and social impact.

Umesh Kumar:

Umesh has been with Goonj for the past three years, working in Urban Relations to build meaningful connections between urban communities and grassroots realities. He is also part of Goonj's Pan-India Tier 2 City Group, supporting the organization's outreach and impact in smaller cities. As a former Goonj Setu Fellow, Umesh has engaged deeply with communities, strengthening his commitment to dignity-led development and systemic change.

Chandan Jha:

Chandan is a Goonj Setu Fellow, actively working at the intersection of community engagement and sustainable development. His journey with Goonj began as an intern, where he developed a strong foundation in grassroots work and aligned closely with the organization's values of dignity and equity. As a Setu Fellow, Chandan continues to deepen his involvement by facilitating dialogue, co-creating solutions with communities, and contributing to long-term social impact.



***Minutes of the 1642st RWM
15th October 2025 at Calcutta Club***

1. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul declared the meeting open.
2. The national anthem was led by Rtn. Vivek Dutta.
3. Minutes of the 1641st RWM were taken as confirmed.
4. President requested the members to respond and contribute to the Governor's appeal for donations towards the North Bengal Flood relief. Members would make direct transfers to the Inner City Trust account.
5. President announced that 2 sewing machines would be financed by Inner City under the Atmanirbhar program for the RCCs- IPP Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty would lead this initiative with assistance from office support Bijoy.
6. VP Rtn. Amita Saha suggested that Inner City should ask for Utility Certificates from the RCCs' Usti and Ranjapur for support given including quarterly receipts for payments of Teachers' salaries.
7. The President pinned PHF lapels to IIP Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty, VP Rtn. Amita Saha and the pin for PP Rtn. Debashish Datta would be presented to him at as subsequent date as he had requested a LOA.
8. PP Rtn. Sukanya Dasgupta introduced the assembly to Goonj and Global Shapers Community (GSC - WEF backed).
9. Rtn. Amitava Ghose introduced Muskan Sethia from GSC, Umesh Kumar and Chandan Jha from Goonj
10. The President invited Muskan, Umesh and Chandan to make a presentation to the assembly.
11. Muskan highlighted the issues of textile waste resulting in pollution, contamination and landfills and the impact on water bodies largely from the use of polyester and fast fashion. The fashion industry is the second largest contributor to pollution globally.
12. Umesh and Chandan made a presentation on the achievements and efforts of Goonj in helping the rural and under-privileged communities through the distribution of a variety of used household items from clothes to electronics, and how the support of organisations like the GSC and Rotary have contributed significantly to Goonj's efforts.
13. Both presentations were very well received by the members.
14. The President requested PP Rtn. Pradeep Das to address the assembly on the health issues. Rtn. Pradeep Das emphasized the importance and criticality of maintaining good health and urged members to take up activities to achieve this. He suggested that a WA group be formed for a "health & Fitness Challenge Program" where it would be a group activity on collective health improvement.
15. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul mentioned that the Club would be introducing sessions on Yoga and Zumba.
16. Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee announced the Birthdays of Members.
17. The number of members present – 14, guests present 3.
18. Sunshine Box Collection – Rs. 780.
19. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul declared the meeting closed.



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