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## Minutes

1729 RFM dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

### Attendees:

RY 2025-26	Venue: Virtual	
	Month: Dec'25	
RC SLDT	Member present	14
	RFM#	1729
Attendees		
Srl.No	Member	19/12/2025
1	Anasua Sarkar	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Bhaskar Dasgupta	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Bhaskar Guha	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Debdip Dey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Deepak Mitra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Gautam Mukherjee	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Indumoti Choudhury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Itu Upadhaya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Kum Kum Bose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Kumar Srivatsan	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Mala Chakraborty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Pranlick Roychowdhury	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Rahela Jaiswal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Reshme Dey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Rina Brahma(Saha)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Sailendra Nath Dewan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Sharmila Mitra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Shomik Sen	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Siva Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Soumen Bhaumik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Sourmik Das	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Tapas Kr. Bhattacharya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Tulun De	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Ujjayini Das Sarma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Chaitali Mukhopadhyay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Honorary Member	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Discussion Points:

- This was an online meeting where all members and their spouses were present.
- The President called the meeting to order.
- Rtn. Mala Chakraborty was requested to update all the members on the upcoming annual fair MONER TAANEY.
- The President informed that he had received the printed copies of the Souvenir that was published on the occasion of Moner Taaney.
- Rtn. Mala Chakraborty discussed about the preparations and the financial details of the mela. She entrusted each and every member with a responsibility that they would undertake on 21<sup>st</sup> of December. A much-awaited day for everyone.
- Rtn. Deepak Mitra informed that distribution of mosquito nets will be done on 27.12.25 in a slum near Kasba. Gana Unnayan Parishad would assist in identifying the beneficiaries.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan'26

## **Project: Moner Taaney Mela – 21<sup>st</sup> Dec'25**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Moner Taaney Mela was successfully organized by our club on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at Eikatan Mela ground, Salt Lake. Rotary Club of Salt Lake Down Town extends its sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors and stall owners who partnered with us in making our mela, held on Sunday, 21st December 2025, at AIKATAN Mela Grounds, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, a meaningful success.

In addition to the stall owners, we are extremely grateful to our advertisers and sponsors for their invaluable support. We assure them that their generous contributions will be utilized for noble and impactful social causes.

We express our special thanks to our decorator, M/s Dinesh Mondol Decorators & Caterers, for the beautiful and vibrant décor that enhanced the spirit of the event. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our District Governor and the senior officials of Rotary International District 3291 for their constant encouragement and for standing by us in this initiative.

We are grateful to our District Governor, PDGs, District Officials, Media, Stall Owners, Advertisers/Sponsors, Donors and above all to the general public who gave their support by coming to this mela and be a part of our initiative that we have undertaken through this mela.

We believe that, through this effort, we have been able to make a meaningful contribution towards supporting and promoting small entrepreneurs and home-made products. We are especially proud to have supported acid survivors and visually challenged individuals by providing them with free stalls to showcase and sell their products to the public.

The members of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake Down Town are deeply encouraged by this experience and are more determined than ever to continue serving the community. Through Moner Taaney, we remain committed to bringing about small but meaningful changes in society.







**Rtn. Mala Chakraborty says:**

সুপ্রভাত, রোটোরি ক্লাব ও সল্ট লেক ডাউন টাউনের প্রতিটি মেম্বার ও তাদের পরিবার বর্গদের, যাদের উপস্থিতি আমাদের মেলাকে সফলতার লক্ষ্যে পৌঁছে দিয়েছে। এই মেলার মধ্যে দিয়ে আমরা রোটোরি প্রধান দুটি আদর্শ কে অনুসরণ করতে সক্ষম হয়েছি। প্রথম সমাজ সেবা, দ্বিতীয় টি হচ্ছে ফেলোশিপ। যেভাবে একতাবদ্ধ হয়ে আমরা সবাই আদর্শপূরণ করেছি, তাতে মনে হয় আমরা প্রতিটি মেম্বার নিজেদের আদর্শ রোটোরিয়ান বলে দাবি করতে পারি। আমাদের পথিকৃৎ হিসেবে যখন দীপক, ভাস্কর, শৈলেন, তাপসের মতো রোটোরিয়ান আছে, তখন আমাদের এগিয়ে যাবার পথ অনন্তহীন। পরিশেষে আমাদের ক্লাব প্রেসিডেন্ট কে চিরাচরিত ধন্যবাদ দেবোনা, বদলে আমার স্নেহশিরবাদ দেবো। পেশাগত অতি ব্যস্ততার মধ্যেও ক্লাব পরিচালনা করা খুব সহজ কাজ নয়। দীপ তার শৈল্পিক নৈপুণ্যতা দিয়ে আমাদের স্যুভেনির ও স্পার্ক এর গ্রহনায় এবং প্রচ্ছদ পরিবেশনায় একটা দৃষ্টান্ত স্থাপন করেছে। ভুলে গেলে চলবেনা ওরা ওদের পেশাগত দায়িত্বশীল পদের ব্যস্ততা পূরণ করার মধ্যে ও নীরবে একনিষ্ঠ রোটোরির জন্য সময় দিয়ে যাচ্ছে। আশা রাখি এইভাবেই আমরা ক্লাব এর ঐতিহ্য বহন করতে পারব। অকুণ্ঠ ভালবাসা দিয়ে শেষ করলাম।

**Rtn. Deepak Mitra says:**

Sharing with you all the extensive media coverage of our Moner Taaney Mela, 2025. This gives us more confidence to do much better in the future. We are grateful to our District Governor, PDGs, District Officials, Media, Stall Owners, Advertisers/Sponsors, Donors and above all to the general public who gave their support by coming to this mela and be a part of our initiative that we have undertaken through this mela ie. (i) Supporting small manufacturers/ entrepreneurs who can directly sell their product to the consumers; (ii) Giving a platform to all those who are making home-made products and would like to sell to the public directly; (iii) Supporting Acid Victims & Visually Challenged by giving them a free stall; (iv) Utilise the funds generated from this mela for the benefit of society. Come lets' make our community better as alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.

**The President says:**

Yet another successful edition of Moner Taaney Mela 2025 stands as a testament to what we can achieve when we come together with a shared vision. Congratulations to all of us on this collective accomplishment.

Moner Taaney is the culmination of thought leadership, meticulous planning, and attention to every single detail—elements that truly set it apart from any other mela. I am deeply grateful to all our members and their families for coming together to celebrate this success. Their wholehearted participation reflects the spirit, commitment, and dedication each of us brings toward serving the greater good of society.

I extend my sincere thanks to our District Governor, Dr. Ramendu Homechoudhuri, and other district dignitaries for taking time out of their busy schedules to grace the occasion with their presence.

Let us continue the Moner Taaney journey with renewed commitment and an even stronger resolve to serve a greater cause for our society.

## Project: Distribution of Mosquito nets – 27<sup>th</sup> Dec'25

Our club members, along with their families, visited a slum area near Kasba and distributed 50 mosquito nets to the residents as part of an initiative to prevent vector-borne diseases, with a special focus on protecting children. This project was carried out in association with Gana Unnayan Parishad NGO, Kasba.



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## From Editor's Desk

### Happy New Year 2026

New Year's celebrations date back 4,000 years to ancient Babylon, with traditions like making promises (resolutions) and festivals like Akitu, while January 1st became the official start in the Roman calendar under Julius Caesar to honor Janus, the god of beginnings. Globally, celebrations vary, from eating 12 grapes in Spain for luck and ringing Buddhist bells 108 times, to the iconic Times Square ball drop in NYC, symbolizing hope for the future with fireworks and sparkling wine, though many resolutions are broken by January.

### Historical Origins

**Babylonian Roots:** The earliest records show Babylonians celebrated a new year (Akitu) around 2000 BCE, marking the first new moon after the spring equinox with festivals and rituals for kingship renewal.

**Roman Calendar:** The Romans first began their year in March but, in 46 BCE, Julius Caesar established January 1st as the New Year, honoring Janus, the two-faced god of beginnings, to align with the solar year.

### Other Interesting Facts

**Leap Seconds:** A "leap second" is occasionally added to global clocks on New Year's Eve to keep them in sync with Earth's rotation.

**First in Space:** The first New Year celebrated in space by the International Space Station crew was in the year 2000.

**Dates to Remember**  
Mark your calendar

**January**

**2026**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
29	30	31	01	02	03	04	
05	06 BIRTHDAY - Bhaskar Das Gupta	07	08	09 MEETING - RFM	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 PICNIC - @GangaBitan Budge Budge	
19	20	21 ANNIVERSARY - Soumen (Mahua)	22	23 MEETING -RFM ANNIVERSARY Dipak (Mousumi)	24	25	
26	27	28	29 ANNIVERSARY - Siva (Sweta)	30	31	01	
02	03	Notes:					