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Salt Lake Down Town (23958)



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Prize distribution at Annual Sports day with children of a slum near Kasba – 31st January 2026

Minutes

1731 RFM dated 9th January, 2026

Attendees:

RY 2025-26	Venue: Anya Theatre, Salt Lake	
	Month: Jan'26	
RCSLDT	Member present 14	
	RFM# 1730	
Attendace		
Srl.No	Member	9/1/2026
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 type="checkbox"/>
9	Kum Kum Bose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Kumar Srivatsan	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Mala Chakraborty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Prantick Roychowdhury	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
18	Shomik Sen	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Siva Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Soumen Bhaumik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Soumik Das	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Tapas Kr. Bhattacharya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Tutun De	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Ujjayini Das Sarma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Chaitali Mukhopadhyay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Honorary Member	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion Points:

- The President called the meeting to order.
- The National Anthem was sung.
- The President wished the members A Very Happy New Year.
- The President appreciated the combined effort of the members and their spouses for the grand success of the Annual Fair MONER TAANEY.
- The President and the First Lady donated Rs. 5000/ for the club fund.
- As a goodwill gesture Mr. Atanu Biswas, a friend of the President also contributed Rs. 1500/ towards the club fund.
- Rtn. Sailendra Dewan and Mrs. Kumkum Dewan also contributed Rs. 3000/.
- Rtn. Mala Chakraborty discussed at length on the income and expenditure incurred in the mela.
- She was happy to announce that an amount of Rs. 97200 will be donated to the club fund from the proceedings of the mela.
- Two new members Chaitali Mukhopadhyay and Anirban Moitra were inducted in the club.
- On 27.12.2025 mosquito nets(50pcs) were distributed in a slum near kasba . Gana Unnayan Parishad had helped in identifying the beneficiaries.

- Rtn. Deepak Mitra informed that new projects were in the pipeline.
- On 21.1.2026 A seminar on GERIATRIC CARE will be held in association with Rotary Club Bidhan Nagar and Abahoman Club Kolkata at Prakash Bhawan at 6.30 pm. The President invited the spouses to attend this program.
- On 31.1.2026 there will be a Sports Day Celebration in an underprivileged children's school in kasba. Gana Unnayan Parishad will be conducting this event along with RCLSDT. Prizes and food packets will be distributed among the children.
- Rtn. Deepak Mitra informed that the club members will be visiting Kishor Shakti Prashikhan kendra in Dumdum to plan for a project there.
- The President expressed his interest in formation of RCC along with GANA UNNAYAN PARISHAD .
- Members consented to paying Rs. 25000/ for the construction of a school building in a remote village in Purulia.
- A picnic has been arranged at Ganga Bitan Uluberia on 18.1.2026 for the members and their family.
- The next club meeting will be held on 6th February 2026 at Rtn. Deepak Mitra's residence.

Joint meeting:

Our club participated in the joint meeting organised by RC Aabahamaan Kolkata on 21.1.26. Along with our club RC Salt Lake Midtown and RC Calcutta Endeavour had also participated. Presentation was given by Dr Amit Mukhopadhyay on "Geriatrics". Flags were handed over to clubs by RC Calcutta Endeavour. The evening ended with a sumptuous dinner.

Sports:

Sports for the children of the slum area near Kasba was organised at the Bosepukur Ground by Gana Unnayan Parishad (GUP) NGO I association with Rotary Club of Salt Lake Down Town on 31st January 2026. Children participated in different events of various age groups. Our club sponsored and distributed prizes to the winners of the events. In addition, cakes, chocolates & mango drinks were distributed to all the children who had participated. 7 consolation prizes of pencil box were also given. GUP had also provided snacks and tea for the organisers. President & members of our club had participated in the event and enjoyed the day with the children.



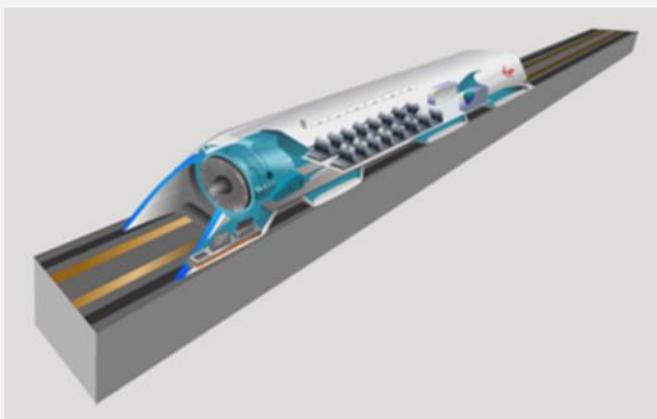
From Editor's Desk

The World of Hyperloop:

Hyperloop is a proposed high-speed transportation system for both passengers and freight. In 2013, the concept was published by entrepreneur Elon Musk in a white paper, where the hyperloop was described as a transportation system using capsules supported by an air-bearing surface within a low-pressure tube. Hyperloop systems have three essential elements: tubes, pods, and terminals. The tube is a large, sealed, low-pressure system (typically a long tunnel). The pod is a coach at atmospheric pressure that experiences low air resistance or friction inside the tube using magnetic propulsion (in the initial design, augmented by a ducted fan). The terminal handles pod arrivals and departures.

What is Hyperloop?

A proposed high-speed transport system where pods travel in near-vacuum tubes, drastically reducing air resistance. Allows for speeds exceeding 1000 km/h, making ground travel faster than airplanes.



India is actively developing hyperloop technology, primarily led by IIT Madras, which built Asia's longest test track (422m) and is working with the Indian Railways and startups like TuTr Hyperloop on projects for high-speed, near-vacuum tube transport, with plans for the world's first commercial hyperloop project connecting ports like Vadhavan and JNPT for freight. While still in testing, India aims to revolutionize freight and passenger transport with this fifth mode of transit, potentially reaching speeds over 1000 km/hr.

Future Outlook:

- First Commercial Project: Expected to connect Vadhavan Port and JNPT (near Mumbai) for logistics, aiming to solve bottlenecks.
- "Atmanirbhar Bharat" Initiative: The project aligns with India's self-reliance goals for future transportation.
- Global Benchmark: India aims to set standards for global hyperloop development, positioning itself as a leader in futuristic transport.

Dates to Remember
 Mark your calendar

February

2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05 ANNIVERSARY - Bhaskar Das Gupta (Atreyee)	06 MEETING - RFM	07	08 BIRTHDAY - Sibansu Mohan Chaki
09 BIRTHDAY - Sibansu Mohan Chaki	10	11	12	13	14 ANNIVERSARY - Raheela (Raj) & Tutun (Nirmal)	15
16	17	18	19	20 MEETING - RFM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	01
02	03	Notes:				