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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Charter No. : 6835 Club No. : 16173 RID : 3291

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WELCOME DG AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta , RID 3291, For the Rotary Year 2024-25

Dr. Krishnendu joined Rotary and is presently a member of RC Victoria. Born in Kolkata he did his initial schooling from St. Xavier's Collage, Kolkata, MBBS from Kasturba Medical Collage, Mangalore, in 1986, DGO (Diploma in Gynaecology & Obstetrics) in 1989 ,MD from KMC Manipal in 1990. He is only the fourth Indian Obstetrician & Gynaecologist ever to receive the prestigious Hon FACOG award till date. He is currently Professor , dept. of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan, Kolkata, Vivekananda Institute of medical Science since 2002. He is acting as unit head since 2017. " Giving back to society " is his guiding mantra.

He became president of Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society in 2013. He is currently the Dy. Secretary General of Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He is an examiner and paper-setter for MBBS, DGO ,MD ,DNB ,exam since 1993. An active Rotarian nearly for 28 years, he served at various posts in club level, District level and got highest contributor of TRF from RID 3291 for consecutive years, He is a passionate crusader for women empowerment ,adolescent HPV vaccination to eliminate carcinoma cervix since 2009 etc.

He is recipient of Rotary Ratna , Rotary foundation Citation for meritorious service in 2021 from TRF.

He is permanent member of Bengal club, Mohan Bagan Club , Aryan Club, Calcutta Cricket and Football club and Calcutta wine club etc.

His partner -in -service for 30 years , Dr. Simran, a MBBS from Mysore Medical collage , MD (Anaesthesiology) from KMC, Manipal ,Their daughter Aparajita did double Masters in International Management from London School of economics & Political science and is currently engaged in Berlin, Germany. She is married to Dr. Jan Hospadka and are blessed with a son, Kian.



Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta
RC VICTORIA



CLUB NEWS

- 1) Birthday greetings wishes to Rtn. Monojit Sen which falls on 1st Feb'25 , and to Rtn. Sarbodev Sanyal which falls on 7th Feb.
- 2) The official DG visit day of our club has been fixed on 16th Feb'25 at 7 p.m. Let us keep this date reserved now onwards. On this day itself we will be celebrating our " Charter Night " .
- 3) Club painting work already over and payment made in full to both the contractors for Rs 80,000/- in total.
- 4) Club 2nd Semi Annual dues have been cleared on 1st Feb'25.
- 5) IPP Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal returned home after urinary surgery to his residence . We all pray for his speedy recovery.
- 6) As promised PE Rtn.Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal donated Rs.7500/- for purchasing one second hand computer from his known source for which total cost was Rs. 15,000/-. This laptop will be used for preparation of bulletin and other work .
- 7) Ex. PP Rtn. G. S. Bose is no more with us. One minute silence was observed on RWM dt.29th Jan'25.

AG's Visit and Second Club Assembly before DG's official Club Visit for the year 2024-25

The official DG's visit of RC Howrah for the year 2024-25 has been fixed on 16th Feb'25 at 6-30 p.m. As per guideline and practice DG always prefers and desires that all clubs should organise AG visit along with the Club Assembly may also be held before 10/15 days of DG's visit to save time of DG's visit. Accordingly AG visit and the 2nd Club Assembly was held on 5th Feb'25 at 6-30 p.m. at RC Hall , Howrah before conduction of RWM No 3736.

Total Member Present – 22 nos.

Following office bearers of the club for the year 2024-25 were present.

President : Rtn.Smt.Gopa Gayen	Immediate Past President : Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal
Secretary : Rtn.Santanu Banerjee	Treasurer : Rtn. Subhrangshu Datta
Vice President & Chair(Literacy) : Rtn.Mrs.Rama Sanyal	Chair (Foundation) : Rtn. Shibnath Dey
Chair(Membership) : Rtn.Dr.Bula Mukherjee	Chair (Service Projects) : Rtn. Ms. Maya Pal
Chair (Public Image) : Rtn.Dilip Kr. Das	Chair (Youth service) : Rtn. Dwarkanath Datta

and Club Learning Facilitator - Rtn. Rabindra Nath Datta, AG Rtn. Sudipto Banerjee and ZS Rtn. Nilanjan Mitr were also present.

Following were the Agenda points :-

Registration and Fellowship – 6 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.

1. Opening Remarks of Club Trainer Rtn.R.N.Datta.
2. Welcome address by the President Rtn.Gopa Gayen. .
3. Escorting of AG and ZS to Dias by IPP.and offering of Uttarios to them by Sr.members.
4. AG welcomes members for 2nd Club Assembly and he explains the purpose.
5. Chair persons deliver their activities with facts and figures.
6. Interactions and suggestions by ZS and AG.
7. Interaction with AG and ZS by other member present, if any
8. Remarks and speech by ZS and AG.
9. Vote of thanks .
10. Presentation of token of appreciation to AG and ZS on behalf of club
11. RWM No 3736 call to order by President.
12. National Anthem.
13. President speaks on projects done during the last 10 days.;
14. Club business by Secretary.
15. Treasurer informs the financial position of the club as on 31st Jan'25.;
16. Closing of RWM by president.- Confirmation of last minutes / Declaration of members presence and S/shine box collections



MINUTES OF CLUB ASSEMBLY

Club Trainer Rtn. R.N.Datta welcomed all the member present at the RC Hall where the 2nd Club Assembly took place. He explained the reason for this Assembly of AG Rtn.Sudipto Banerjee in presence of Rtn.Nilanjan Mitra, ZS, of RID 3291,Zone 24 .Then on request the main guests ,AG & Zs were escorted by Pp Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta to the dais. They were welcomed by Uttarios at the hand of president.

Various Chair-persons for the year 2024-25 explained their activities and after proper interactions many suggestions generated from AG,ZS. Actually Ag and ZS were very happy for the Blood Bank Project and they told RC Howrah to be a part of Lalgah Project via Eastern India District grant. Our Secretary Rtn. Santanu showed the position of club web-site, Rotary India updation etc as and when enquired by AG & ZS.

They expressed their satisfaction except for the non completion of statutory audit so far for 2023-24. Treasurer replied that the audit process is continuing and audit report will be handed over by coming Monday. A token of appreciation was handed over to AG & Zs by our member Rtn.Dr.Monosij Dhara and Rtn

Sarbadev Sanyal respectively. Vote of thanks was offered by PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey on behalf of the club.AG closed the club assembly and then the Regular Weekly meeting no 3736 was called to order by the president.





PROGRAMME

- 1) 30 minutes fellowship meeting with members, President, Secretary, Treasurer, RCC members, Interactor Co-ordinator in presence of PE, VP. - 6-30 p.m.
- 2) RWM, Rituals and Club Business - 7 p.m. to 7-15 p.m.
- 3) Club Assembly and Remarks of DG - 30 minutes (7-15 p.m. to 7-45 p.m.)
- 4) Open house with members - 15 minutes (7-45 p.m. to 8 p.m.)
- 5) Vote of thanks by PE Rtn. Sankar Kr.Sanyal - 5 mins
- 6) Presentation of Mementos etc - 2 mins

Second Stage:- 78th Charter Night Celebration :-

Starts at 8-10 p.m. to 8-40 p.m.

cutting of cake, Club history, Felicitations etc.

Third Stage:- Cultural Function and Fellowship :-

8-45 p.m. to 9-15 p.m.

Charter Dinner with DG and his Secretariat - 9-15 p.m. to 10 p.m.

To-night's Programme

First Stage :- Official DG visit for the Rotary year 2024-25



World Rotary at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 15th Jan'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary Members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	Interact Members	RCCs
36,382	11,51,109	9,198	1,27,554	15,999	3,68,069	13,766

Rotary India at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 15th Jan'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCCs	RID 3291 Women Rotarians %
4590	1,71,229	2,071	35,522	5,936	7,283	27.32

South Asia Rotary at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 15th Jan'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCCs	Women Rotarians %
5,377	1,89,027	2,832	47,133	6,642	7,838	16.18 %

R.I.Directors Elect :- M. Muruganandam (RID 3000) & KP Nagesh (RID 3191)

Numbers Speak :- Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi delivering the keynote address at a plenary of the Rotary Kochi Zone Institute said , it was heart breaking for him to come across various situations where children are involved in making footballs, but they can never play footballs,. So many children in Sub-Saharan and other African countries, who work in cocoa fields , so that we and our children can enjoy chocolates. And those children have never tasted a chocolate. If we cannot protect these children , we cannot protect humanity. He also informed that,

- 1) By 2023 end , 1 % of the richest people in the world held 2/3rd of the world's wealth , while 50 % of the poorest People held only 2 % of this wealth.
- 2) 200 million children who are out of school can go to school just with 7 days of the global military expenditure.
- 3) 2 new billionaires created every week; same week 10,000 children drop out of school and fall prey to child labour, slavery.
- 4) 160 million children are working at the cost of their education, freedom and future to produce wealth for you and me.

Activities of RC Howrah during the period 1st July'24 to 5th Feb'25

No of RWM Held	COTS Held	No of BOD	No of Trustee Meeting	No of Club Assembly	No of Bulletin Published	No of Service Projects Held	No of Public Images Project held	No of Youth Service Project	No of Interna - tional Projects held
30	One	Two	One	Two	29	20	4	4	4

Rtn. RIPE, visited the Rotary Blood Bank Project in which RC Howrah participated as partner.

All the above data were uploaded at Rotary India web-site, Club web-site (www.howrahrotary.com)

All the above service projects were uploaded at Rotary Service Center of My Rotary.

Out of 25 goals , 15 no. of goals were completed as on date and we are entitled for R. I. President's Club Excellency award.

Both the R.I.Semi Annual dues, RID 3291 dues, Rotary News Trust dues were already cleared in time.

Members of RC Howrah already contributed \$ 1000 in Annual Fund and one resolution has already been taken to contribute \$ 1500 by all members to the Polio Fund to achieve the " Champion Club " award.

We have already achieved nine criteria of the Eazy School 3 scheme of RID 3291 initiatives and hope to get Gold Award. Our Club has already recognised by RID 3291 for participating at " Hashtag English and Effortless Arithmetic " at Nazrul Satabarshiki Sadan, Madhyamgram.

Our President Elect Rtn.Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal attended the "Rotary Leadership Symposium" at IIM, Kolkata organised by RID 3291 on 19th Jan'25.

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