

# The Bridge



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## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

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

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### Minutes of the Regular weekly meeting dt. 25-09-2024 held at RC Hall at 7 p.m.

Rtn. Gopa Gayen was on Chair. At the beginning of the meeting she welcomed all the members present and requested Rtn. Maya Pal to lead the National anthem. After the National anthem president detailed the agenda points and appealed the members to keep their commitment for Sharad Swikriti. PP Rtn.Prajapati Mondal, RCC Chair spoke on preparation for this project. He announced that there will be a meeting on this aspect on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct'24 at RC Hall at 7 p.m. for last minute preparation and decision. Treasurer, PP Rtn. Subhrangshu Datta then detailed the donation received so far on account of Sharad Swikriti Project to be held at RCC Chira-nabin. According to him total cost involvement will be around Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 45000/- and as on date total amount of donation received is Rs. 30,000/-. He also informed that Rtn. Indrajit Sen desired to distribute 250 nos of dry food packets to the resident

of Chiranabin of his own under the banner of the club. As proposed by the treasurer, in case of shortfall, club will bear Rs.5000/- and the proposal has been approved at the RWM. by the member present.

Trustee Board Chairman PP Rtn.D.K.Das announced that the 4<sup>th</sup> Trustee Board meeting will be held at RC Hall on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept'24 at 7 p.m. and he told the Trust Board members as well as the Invitees may join the same. This trustee meeting will be first in this Rotary Year 2024-25.

President terminated the RWM at 8-10 p.m. after declaring the following :-

- a) Member present – 13 nos.
- b) S/shine box collections – Rs. 260/-
- c) Confirmation of last RWM's minutes.

Signature of President  
(Rtn. Gopa Gayen)

Signature of Secretary  
(Rtn. Santanu Banerjee)



### DISTRICT NEWS

- a) World Rotary at a glance :- ( As on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept'24 ) :- Rotary Members – 11,63,664 nos., Rotary Clubs – 36,635 nos, Rotaract Clubs – 8,938 nos, Rotaract Members – 1,18,727 nos, Interact Clubs – 15,195 nos, Interact Members – 3,49,577 nos RCCs-13,588 nos.
- b) South Asia Rotary at a glance ( As on 01-09 -2024 ) :- Rotary Members - 1.93,504 nos. Rotary Clubs – 5,516 nos. Rotaract Clubs – 2,602 nos, Rotaract Members – 29,300 nos, Interact Clubs – 6,095 nos, RCCs – 7,736 nos
- c) Rotary India at a glance ( As on 01-09-2024 ) :- Rotary Members – 1,74,561 nos, Rotary Clubs – 4,659 nos, Rotaract Clubs – 1,866 nos, Rotaract members – 28,620 nos, Interact Clubs – 5,401 nos, RCCs – 7,185 nos

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24<sup>th</sup> October is World Polio day. RID 3291 wants to celebrate the day organizing a seminar on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Gyan Manch wherein representatives from UNICEF, WHO, West Bengal Govt Health Immunization Department and Rotary will share their valued opinion to reach the target. The Rotarians who contributed to the Polio Plus Society will be felicitated with pins and certificates. 3 pm to 4 pm is registration and the program will be held from 4 pm to 6 pm.

## Visit of RIPE Rtn. Mario Cesar Martins De Camargo at ROTARY – HMC Blood Bank, Howrah

1. RIPE Rtn. Mario , on his visit to Kolkata for the first time , was welcomed at GD Birla Sabha-ghar on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct'24 at 6 p.m. President Rtn.Gopa Gayen, PP Rtn.Maya Pal, Rtn.Anima Datta, PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta and Secretary PP Rtn.Santanu Banerjee attended the welcome ceremony from our club in spite of bad weather. From his speech it is obvious that he is passionate about membership growth and long term plan of individual clubs which is the very basis and thinking of our club also.
2. On 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct'24 , RIPE visited the first blood bank of RID 3291 ( Rotary – HMC Blood Bank ) at 3-30 p.m. He stayed there for half an hour and seen the entire process and capacity. He was accompanied by RID Rtn.Anirudh Roy Chowdhury , From our club , President Rtn.Gopa Gayen , Secretary Rtn.Santanu Banerjee, PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta and Rtn.Anima Datta were present during RIPE's Visit. Entire operation of Blood Bank was explained by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury ( Special Projects Chair ) of RC Calcutta. In his very short speech RIPE spoke about his vision for 2025-26 and told RC Howrah ,the second oldest club to make a long term plan for all round future development and achieve the moto " Service above Self".



3. President Rtn.Gopa Gayen presented our Platinum Jubilee Club Memoir, one memento , Flower bouquet and a Bengali Sweet packet to RIPE Mario on this occasion. In the opinion of Rtn.Santanu Banerjee, Senior Past President of the club, this maiden visit of RIPE at the project site will improve the morale of the club members for extending more services to the community.
4. Birthday greetings wishes to PP Rtn.Dr.Bula Mukherjee which falls on 7th Oct'24 , IPP Rtn.Dr. Debasis Sanyal which falls on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct'24, Rtn.Subir Ranjan Mondal which falls on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct'24, PP Rtn.Tanmay de which falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct'24 and Rtn. Avishek das which falls on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct'24 respectively.
5. **Report on " Observation of Economic and Community Development Month "**

a) RC Howrah observed the Oct'24 as the " Economic & Community Development Month " by organising distribution of Ration items, Dry food packets , new dresses for the mentally challenged residents , approximately 228 nos on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 at 11 a.m. onwards at their RCC Chiranabin situated at Parbakshi,Howrah.

On this occasion RC Howrah also arranged one food festival for these residents where cooked rice, chicken, sabji, bhaji and sweets were offered to them. The programme ended at 3-30 p.m.

President Rtn.Gopa , Secretary Rtn.Santanu , RCC Chair Rtn.Prajapati Mondal, Rtn.Maya Pal, PP Rtn.D.K.Das , PP Rtn.Dwarkanath Das, PP Rtn.R.N.Datta , Rtn.Indrajit Sen,Rtn.Gopa Monadal , Rtn.Anima Datta , Rtn.Arup Kr.Das , Rtn.Rama Sanyal ,Rtn.sarbadev Sanyal and PP Rtn. Subhrangshu Datta attended this event.



b) RC Howrah distributed Ration materials ( Rice, Atta, Potato, Sugar, Mustered oil ) and Mosquito nets at Salkia Harijan Basti, in association with Harijan Sevak Sangh to 50 residents of Harijan Basti on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct'24. President Rtn.Gopa Gayen, PE Rtn.Sankar Kr.Sanyal, Secretary Rtn.Santanu Banerjee, PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey, Rtn.Rama Sanyal, Rtn.Sarbadev Sanyal and PP Rtn.Dilip Kr.Das attended this ceremony. Shri Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta, Hon'ble Former Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court and Shri Bishop Sarkar, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Howrah (North) were Guests of Honour on this occasion. PP / Howrah Sri Somnath Banerjee was also present during distribution.



## DISTRICT NEWS

- 1) The RID 3291 Directory has been released formally . W.E.F. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 this will be available officially.
- 2) The official DG visit day of our club has been fixed on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb'25 ( Sunday ) at 7 p.m. Let us keep this date reserved now onwards.
- 3) An event for celebrating the spirit of Shakti by honouring nine extraordinary women from differet fields for their remarkable achievements and championing Girl's empowerments was held on 29<sup>th</sup> Sept'24 at Kalakunj ( 6 p.m.to 8 p.m.).
- 4) Our club got 4 nos. of Sewing Machines from RC Calcutta , our parent club under their Atmanirbhar – II ( empowering women through skill development) on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 ,Sunday, distributed from Rotary Sadan PP Rtn.Santanu Banerjee and PP Rtn. Subhrangshu Datta attended the distribution ceremony and brought the machines for onward distribution .
- 5) Rotary- Balananda Dialysis Center , Riban cutting Ceremony was held on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 at Dept.of Nephrology, Behala Balananda & Research Center at 11 a.m. This was a project of RC Kolkata. Rtn.Anirudha Roychowdhury , RI Director was present on this occasion.

## RCC NEWS

Our RCCs , Bidhichandrapur Chetna and Chiranabin are affected under severe flood. They send their affected photos. AG / RCC Co-ordinator / RID 3291 PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey, in-charge of RCCs of RC Howrah & Hoogly, in response to their appeal for relief , organised one mega relief in association of some of the other clubs of the RID 3291.at our RCC Bidhichandrapur, Amta, The effort of PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey is appreciated and saluted. 100 packets containing in each packet ( 3 KG Rice, 4 KG Potatos, 2 Kg Atta, sufficient drinking water, medicines, new puja dresses to the kids etc ) were distributed on this occasion.



## EASY SCHOOL 3 NEWS

On 6<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 at 12-30 p.m. our club Literacy Chair person Rtn.Rama Sanyal along with other lady Rotarian members as well as her IWC Howrah Bridge members paid a visit to RC Howrah RCC Chiranabin and distributed new puja dresses to 54 nos of students to their residential student. They also enjoyed by sighting the RCC activities. Sumptuous lunch was offered to the visiting team as a part of gesture by the managing authority of RCC Chiranabin.



## MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING DT.27-09-2024 HELD AT RC HALL AT 7 P.M.

Rtn.Dilip Kr.Das was on Chair. At the beginning of the meeting he welcomed all the members present and requested Member secretary to read the Agenda points. Chairman appealed the members for keeping their attendance. Eight members attended the meeting including the invitees.

Synopsis of business transacted were:-

1. Last minutes was read and accepted by the members present.
2. Treasurer placed the latest financial position of the Trust for information of the member. He informed that the FDs will be maturing in the month of Jan'25. Treasurer informed that besides opening of an a/c with Rs.10,000/- at Bandhan Bank , so far an amount of Rs.11,200/-towards hall rent in cash for this Rotary Year. An amount of Rs.3000/- is receivable from a member.
3. Matter regarding donor member was discussed and Chairman has been given the responsibility to look into this matter and place in the next meeting.
4. Chairman appealed treasurer of the club to transfer the trust contribution as early as possible.
5. Invitee Rtn.Prajapati Mondal gave the details of the hall rent received money receipt wise. He has been instructed to start one hall rent register.
6. Rtn. Maya Pal offered vote of thanks.
7. Meeting terminated at 8-10 p.m.



## Report on “ Youth Karate Challengers Cup 2024 “ ( Partly Sponsored by RC Howrah ):-

RC Howrah supported the “ Youth Karate Challengers Cup 2024” organised by Traditional Shoto Karate Association of Bengal on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 at Dhonodhanyo Auditorium , Alipore ,Kolkata ,which lasted w.e.f.12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Altogether 239 participants were the competitors. PP Rtn.Maya Pal, PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta, Rtn.Rama Sanyal, Rtn.Anima Datta and Rtn.Jaijit Sen attended this event from our club. On this occasion Rtn.Jaijit Sen was the special guest and he spoke about the importance of Karate training as well as the activities of Rotary in a nut-shell. Some of winners were handed over the trophies by the Rotarians of RC Howrah.



## OUR NEW MEMBER DETAILS

Mrs.Chatali Das , ID No 12175196 , Classification - Business ,DOB - 12<sup>th</sup> Dec , DOM - 28<sup>th</sup> June , Mobile - 9433289661, e-mail - [chaitali.mitu@gmail.com](mailto:chaitali.mitu@gmail.com) , Proposed by - Rtn.Santanu Banerjee, Seconded by - Rtn.Gopa Gayen , Spouse - Saugata, Annet - Ritambhar , Residential address - 2/3/4, Lakshminarayan Chakraborty Lane , Howrah - 711101 , W.B.

## INTERESTING STATISTICS

During the last 40 years the following persons have joined RC Howrah ( Club no 16173 ) as spouse members .

● Rtn. Dr. M. M. Dhara and his son Rtn. Dr. Monosij Dhara. ● Rtn. Rama Sanyal and her husband Rtn. Sarbadev Sanyal ● Rtn. Dr. Anil Pal and his son Rtn. Dr. Amit Pal ( Now left ) ● Rtn.Prajapati Mondal and his wife Rtn.Gopa Mondal ● Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta and his wife Rtn.Anima Datta ● Rtn.Dilip Kr.Das and his son Rtn.Arup Kr.Das ● Rtn. Saugata Das and his wife Rtn. Chatali Das ● Rtn. Monojit Sen and his son Rtn.Jaijit Sen.

Besides during the last 40 Years , following wives joined our club RC Howrah ( Club no 16173 ) after the demise of their husband. They are :-

● Rtn.Indira Datta ( Joined after the death of her husband Rtn.M.M.Datta ) - now left. ● Rtn.Mira Chatterjee ( Joined after the death of her husband Rtn.Ananta Chatterjee ) - Expired ● Rtn.Chhanda Dhara ( Joined after the death of her husband Rtn.Dr.M.M.Dhara ) - Continuing.

Moreover the following members are continuing till now in RC Howrah ( Club no 16173 ) who belongs to the same family :-

- Rtn.Dr.D.K.Datta , Rtn.Rabindranath Datta and Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta ( All are same blood related brothers )
- Rtn.Chhanda Dhara, Rtn.Dr.Monosij Dhara and Rtn.Avishek Das ( Mother, Son, Son-in-law )
- Rtn.Monojit Sen, Indrajit Sen and Rtn.Jaijit Sen ( Two same blood related brothers and son of Rtn.Monojit Sen )
- Rtn.Bankot Ghosh and Rtn.Bibekananda Ghosh ( Both are same blood related brothers )
- Rtn.Gopa Gayen, Rtn.Saugata Das and Rtn.Chatali Das ( Family of PP Rtn.Ashoke Kr.Mallick )

**Amazing , We are really proud of all of you for your Kind gesture and dedication to Rotary and specially to RC Howrah in particular.** We salute all family members of them also.

## CLUB SERVICE REPORT

A special meeting was organised by giving a notice in the Whatts-app group on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct'24 to discuss for finalisation of distribution of mosquito nets ( Dengu protection ) at Gusudi Harijan Basti on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct'24as well as discussion for 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct'24 Joint Bijaya meet along with IIPA,Howrah Chapter and Jatiya Samachintan.



## TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

Discussion on Sharad Swikriti / Community Development Programme  
Bijaya Meet jointly with IIPA,Howrah Chapter & Harijan Sevek Sangh ( Public Image initiation )

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