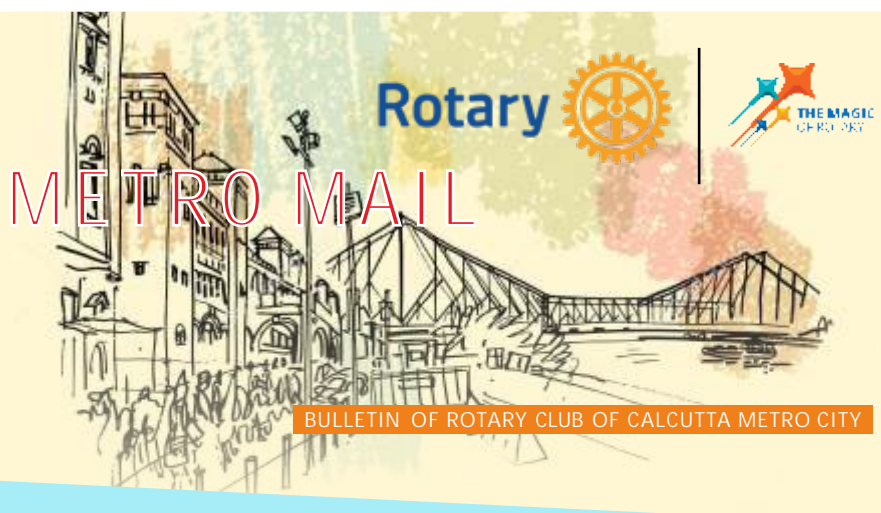


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In a world increasingly crowded with noise and imitation, it is rare to find a legacy that not only stands the test of time but continues to grow in meaning and magnitude. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City has done just that with *Swayam Siddha*, which celebrated its 16th edition this year, marking two decades of unwavering commitment to recognizing and uplifting true change makers.

Launched in 2005 under the leadership of Past District Governor Shyamashree Sen, *Swayam Siddha* was among Kolkata's pioneering platforms to celebrate self-made women — who have overcome adversity and transformed their lives and the lives of others. While similar programs have since mushroomed across the region,

Swayam Siddha continues to set the benchmark with its unique, thoughtful approach, flawless execution, and the wholehearted support of the Club's members.

This year's edition shone brightly, honoring six extraordinary achievers whose multifaceted lives and relentless work embody the very spirit of resilience and innovation. But this year was not just about accolades. It was also about action. Two major missions were launched that underscore the Club's expanding footprint of impact. One, a remarkable Odyssean journey from the United Kingdom to Kolkata, aimed at raising funds and awareness for a dialysis unit at Hope Hospital. The second, a deeply humane initiative to support the education of tribal girls in Jhargram, West Bengal — a bold step towards bridging the education divide where it is needed most.

Equally commendable is the Club's sustained focus on the awareness and prevention of thalassaemia — a silent yet deadly genetic disorder. Over the years, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City has been a stronghold in this fight, continuously engaging the community, medical experts, and policymakers in meaningful dialogue and action.

As the Rotary year draws closer to its end, the Club is already charting its next phase of impactful service. Several promising projects are lined up, reaffirming its commitment to service above self — not as a motto, but as a living, breathing mission.

Swayam Siddha is not just a program. It is a movement. A celebration of grit. A promise of sustained impact. And most importantly, a mirror reflecting the best of Rotary — compassion in action.

Subhojit Roy

Swayam Siddha 16



Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City hosted the 16th edition of Swayam Siddha at the Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR. The awards were bestowed on those achieving excellence in their chosen fields of vocation.

The recipients included noted educationist Amita Prasad, author Soma Bose, entrepreneurs Kakoli Biswas, Jayatri Biswas, social activist Adwitiya Dutta Banik and actor Swastika Mukherjee.

The entire program was hosted by Club Treasurer PP Rtn Subhojit Roy, he was supported by IPP Rtn Amrita Basu and Past District Chair, Inner Wheel Association, Mrs

Sushmita Sarkar.

The assembly witnessed the presence of Rotarians from various clubs as well as Past District Governors Ravi Sehgal, Raju Khandelwal, Utpal Majumdar, Mukul Sinha, Ajay Agarwal, DGN Tapas Bhattacharya and DGND Purnendu Roychowdhury who gave away the awards. The chair of the event, Past District Governor Shyamashree Sen, spoke on the occasion.

The recipients expressed their gratitude and hoped that the award will bolster their confidence to work harder to achieve greater success. Past recipients Supriya Roy, Jolly Chhanda, Jayati Saha, Monica Bhargava graced the occasion.

Noted Rabindrasangeet exponent Sayantani Gupta and classical virtuoso and club member Rtn Sohini Roychowdhury performed on the occasion.

The club members present on the occasion and actively supported the program included PP Rtms Jharna Mitra, Bandana Das, Sunetra Dasgupta, Arindam Ghosh, Rajnish Kapoor, Dipu Mullick (also the club Secretary), Dipanwita Banerjee and Bandana Mullick.

In absentia PP Rtms Md Firoz and Navnit Banerjee provided supported the program.

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