



THE MIDTOWNER

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From Editor's Desk:

Sport is way beyond just physical activity. It is about, teamwork and much more. The findings show time and again that an increased sense of community is associated with increased physical and mental health. Participation in sport is highly associated with forming a sense of community.

It was thoughtful of Our club in association with The Refuge to organise Sports Day on 16th January ,for underprivileged children who do not have Sports day in their school.

Story of Umesh Yadav really grabs attention. Yadav grew up in the small dwelling allotted to his father in Valli, a mine-workers' settlement of 5000-odd people, about five kilometres from Khaparkheda.

Yadav gave up on his studies after class 12. Though his father did not want any of his sons to work in a mine like him, he asked Yadav to do something with his life, like any boy barely out of his teens, he didn't know what to do He would bowl fast in tennis-ball cricket tournaments. But you don't make a living out of tennis-ball cricket.

He tried to get into services but was denied, and missed a chance to become a police constable.

And so he signed up for Vidarbha Gymkhana and arrived to bowl in a one-dayer. Yadav grabbed every opportunity, and earned himself a place in the Ranji Team of Vidarbha within a matter of months. He then started to bag numerous wickets in the Ranji Trophy & then got selected for the Duleep Trophy.



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Sushila recently became a viral sensation on social media after Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar noted her pace-bowling talents and likened it to that of former India pacer Zaheer Khan. In December, Tendulkar shared a video of Sushila's bowling on "X" (Formerly Twitter) and said that there were "shades of Zaheer" in her actions. Zaheer was known as a bowler with accuracy and variations during his playing days.

In a recent interview with the BBC, Sushila had said that she was unaware of who Sachin Tendulkar was. "I don't know who he [Sachin Tendulkar] is," she said. Susila also said that she doesn't have a television at her house and that she hasn't watched any cricket.





Sushila's classmate Asha, who has faced the former's deliveries, spoke about her bowling. "Her ball turns unexpectedly and then suddenly hits the wicket," Asha said.

One social media post from legendary Tendulkar has worked wonders, transforming the life of the 12-year-old underprivileged tribal girl, studying in fifth standard. Very recently Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA) has decided to adopt Sushila for training. She may eventually play for India.



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 **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
-  4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Minutes of the 2158th Continuous Meeting and 12th Regular for the year 2024-25 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday, 16th January, 2025 @Room No. 1, The Saturday Club.

Meeting called to order: President Preeti called the 12th regular and 2158th continuous meeting to order.

National Anthem: National Anthem was rendered by all.

A minute of silence: A minute of silence was observed in memory of our PP Mr. P.C. Agarwala.

Welcome: President extended a hearty welcome to all my Rotarians, Anns, Guests and Prospectives to our meeting.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The previous meeting were proposed by Rtn.Surinder Kapoor and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

Inauguration of CCU at Vivekananda Hospital on 29/12: The inauguration of the CCU and the installation of an ELISA Reader at the Vivekananda Hospital was successfully done. It was heartwarming to see the warmth with which we were received by the hospital board and staff. The presence of our Inner Wheel Club members, our esteemed Assistant Governor Indra, and the unwavering support of senior members and prospectives added to the significance of the event.

Cervical Cancer Vaccine Update: 50 girls administered Cervical Cancer Vaccines on Tuesday, 14th January at The Refuge. This was the final dose of the first batch. It went off very smoothly. The representatives from the Serum Institute were present to administer the vaccine. The girls were treated with Chowmein and Bournvita biscuits which they relished. Another batch of 26 girls administered vaccine at SGCCRI on Thursday, 16th January. This was the 2nd dose of the last batch.

Sports Meet at Vivekananda Park on 18th January: President announced our first Sports Meet, scheduled for Saturday, 18th January, at Vivekananda Park. This event has been made possible through the kind support of Councillor Biswarup Dey, to whom we had written eight months ago. A total of five schools, with 400 enthusiastic children, will be participating. The day will commence with a flag hoisting ceremony at 9 AM, followed by the sporting events. The councillor, Mr. Biswarup Dey has given us a team of 15-16 retired professionals, all of National and International Sports fame, to coordinate the sports. The children will be provided with breakfast, lunch, and evening tiffin. Each participant will also receive a small token gift, while winners will be awarded medals and prizes to celebrate their achievements.

Kolkata Kettle 6.0 update: Kolkata Kettle 6.0 was a resounding success! From happy exhibitors and a buying crowd to elite panel discussions featuring Dolly Jain, Dr. Rupali Basu, moderated by Rashmi Chaudhary, ramp walk by Nayanika Chatterjee, every moment was spectacular. The association with FICCI FLO added prestige, and the flawless execution by our super Convenor Samir Prasad made it all possible. President Rtn. Preeti agarwal praised each and every member associated with the team and gave them a token of appreciation.

Induction of Rudraksh and Simran Gupta: New prospect were introduced and Rtn.Dr. Surinder Kapoor made them wear the pin & updated them about the importance of Rotary.

Any other matter: The dinner meeting was hosted by Rashmi Chaudhury, Ruchira Bhuwalka, Samir Prasad and Preeti Agarwal.

Secretary's report: The birthdays & anniversary's for the month were announced. The attendance was 21 members were present making it 46%

Meeting Closed by: President Rtn.Preeti Agarwal closed the meeting.

Minuted by:
Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka
Secretary 2024-25 RCCM

“No matter your age, you’ll always wish you started younger.
But today is the youngest you’ll ever be.”

Cervical Cancer Vaccine administered to 50 girls on 14th Jan at The Refuge.



Sports Meet for children by RCCM in collaboration with The Refuge on 18th January



RCCM Meeting, Induction of new members Rudraksh and Simran Gupta and fellowship on 16th Jan



Birthday's

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



Rtn. Raja Garg (23rd January)



Rtn. Ankush Khanna (26th January)



Rtn. Nitesh Agarwal (2nd February)



Rtn. Ravi Kedia (7th february)



Radhika & Rakesh Sahni

18th February

Anniversary

