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From Editor's Desk:

A dedicated teacher, Dr. Anya Sharma, transforms a struggling rural school in Kolkata into a vibrant learning environment through her unwavering commitment and resourcefulness. She inspires her students to pursue knowledge, fostering a community of learners dedicated to making a positive impact on their community.

Dr. Anya Sharma, a passionate educator, takes on the challenge of revitalizing a dilapidated government school in a remote Kolkata locality. The school, with crumbling walls and few resources, struggled to attract students and retain them. Anya, driven by her belief in the transformative power of education, arrives with a vision: to create a nurturing and engaging learning space where every student can reach their potential.

Her initial struggles are immense. The classroom environment is uninspiring, the textbooks are outdated, and the students lack access to basic learning materials. However, Anya remains undeterred. She starts by using her own savings to purchase basic supplies and paint the walls with vibrant murals. She then leverages her network to source free textbooks and learning resources from local organizations.

Anya's dedication extends beyond academics. She organizes after-school programs, teaching students valuable life skills like leadership, communication, and problem-solving.

She also encourages them to participate in community service projects, helping them to connect with their surroundings and understand the importance of giving back.

Under Anya's guidance, the school gradually transforms. Students, motivated by Anya's passion and the positive environment, become more engaged and start excelling in their studies. Parents, witnessing the positive changes, begin to enroll their children, and the school's enrollment numbers begin to rise.

One day, a prominent Kolkata newspaper publishes a heartwarming story about the school's revival and Anya's tireless efforts. The story highlights the positive impact of Anya's dedication and inspires others to follow her example.

Anya's success inspires the local community. Students, inspired by her dedication, volunteer to help with cleaning and maintenance, while parents donate books and supplies. Anya's efforts have not only transformed the school into a vibrant learning environment but also fostered a sense of community and unity.

Unwavering dedication and a genuine passion for making a difference can transform even the most challenging situations and inspire others to act. Anya's story demonstrates that small acts of kindness and commitment can lead to a ripple effect of positive change, creating a brighter future for individuals and communities.

Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the things we think, say, or do:
Is it the **TRUTH**?
Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Minutes of the Joint Meeting, 18th Regular and 2164th Continuous of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna & Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour on Thursday, 10th April, 2025 at The Small Phoenix, The Saturday Club.

Welcome Address by Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna: The President of Rotary Avyanna Rtn. Nitindra Mookerjee welcomed all the Members, Anns and Guests.

Exchange of Pins & Flags between Presidents of the 3 Clubs: The 3 Presidents exchanged the Lapel Pins, flags and gifts.

Calling the Meeting to Order Jointly by Presidents of:

➤ **Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna:** Meeting was called to order by the President, Rtn. Chandreyi Mitra.

➤ **Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour:** Meeting was called to order by the President, Rtn. Nitindra Mookerjee.

➤ **Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown:** President Preeti called the 18th Regular and 2164th Continuous meeting to order.

National Anthem: National Anthem was sung by everyone.

Confirmation of Minutes of the previous meeting minutes by the Secretaries: The minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Rtn. Dr. Kapoor and seconded by Rtn. Neeraj Agarwal.

President's Updates on the activities in the order: The 3 Presidents spoke about their club activities covering all facets of Rotary. It was quite an enlightening session.

Introduction of the Guest Speaker by Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown:

There were 2 speakers, PDG Rtn. Amitava Mookerjee and Rtn. Nicolas Facino. On behalf of Midtown, Rtn. Samir Prasad gave the brief introduction of Rtn. Facino. Rtn. Pratyendu Roy from Endeavour introduced PDG Rtn. Amitava Mookerjee.

Proceedings handed over by Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown and

Address by the Guest Speaker: PDG Rtn. Amitava spoke about the Soul of Rotary. He gave insightful talks regarding Rotary, PHF members, TRF and gave examples from his past experiences. It was a delight listening to him. We also had Rtn. Nicolas Facino, who has been the Director of Alliance Française du Bengal in Kolkata, making significant contributions to the city's cultural scene through classical music seasons and French film festivals. He is also a proud member of the Lviv International Rotary Club. He spoke about his experiences.

Felicitations of the guest speaker by the 3 Presidents: The 3 Presidents felicitated the guest speakers by giving an Uttorio and a gift.

Vote of Thanks by Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour: Rtn. Nitindra Mookerjee thanked the Speaker and the Members.

Meeting Closed: The 3 Presidents closed the meeting.

Minuted by:

Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka

Secretary 2024-25 RCCM

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“To get affected is normal. To remain affected is abnormal.”

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Anniversary



Chetna & Ankush Khanna

26th April



**To make a
difference in
someone's life,
you don't have to
be rich, beautiful
or perfect.
You just have to
care.**