



# THE MIDTOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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## From Editor's Desk:

Combined data from multiple studies suggests that the rate of all orofacial clefts, which means either a cleft lip or a cleft palate, is one in 770 births in India." There is evidence that cleft lip and/or palates are more common in the west of India, and rarer in the east of India.

Cleft lip surgery India is a costly affair and Mission-smile has taken a step forward to help those who are suffering form this major deformity.

A dedicated and energetic team of doctors, nursing staffs, volunteers and program coordinators works together in [Mission Smile](#) to correct the deformity caused by [Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate](#). Mission Smile is a Medical Charitable Trust which is providing comprehensive cleft care since 2002 in India.

Mission Smile team cheers up the kids prior to surgery and the doctors working to achieve perfect surgery. The kids and their families reflect nervousness and hopes for a better future. Due to lack of awareness regarding the corrective surgery, a person born with cleft lip or palate lives a life full of perils of social stigma and medical challenges.



In medical missions, thousands of patients who belong to a very low income stratum or below the poverty line go through the pre-screening for surgery. Many families cannot afford to lose their daily wage for surgery. Mission Smile team is striving to bring smiles to many of these underprivileged children and their families.

### **Cleft lip surgery India.**

Surgery for an hour brings transformation and hope to these lives – hope to live like a normal being, a life full of acceptance and free from ridicules. In Mission Smile, the aim is to give high quality treatment to the cleft afflicted patients so that they can live a normal life away from the perils of social stigma.



This deformity is completely treatable and is not a “disease” – contrary to what many think. The treatment is simple – includes the initial surgery, speech therapy, dental treatment and oodles of love.

Let all of us bring more smiles together. It is praise worthy that our club launched “Cleft Lip Surgery Project” on 18th September with successful surgery of three adorable little ones at Narayana Hospital Howrah.

## Minutes for the 2151st Continuous Rotary Meeting and 5th for the year of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown was held on Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at Room No. 1, The Saturday Club Limited at 7 pm.

**Meeting called to order:** President Rtn. Preeti Agarwal called the 5th regular and 2151st continuous meeting for the year 2024-2025 to order.

**National Anthem:** National Anthem was rendered by all.

**Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:** The last meeting minutes were floated on WhatsApp. They were proposed by Rtn. Biman Chakraborty and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

**Welcoming:** President Rtn. Preeti Agarwal extend a hearty welcome to all our members. She welcomed Dr. Prasun Mitra, Consultant of Critical Care and Non-Invasive Cardiology and thanked him for joining us and guiding us towards healthier hearts.

**Scholarship Project at RKMBBA:** Our Club gave scholarship amount of Rs. 87k to the Swamiji of the Ram Krishna Mission and awards of Rs. 19k to the meritorious students who got an excellent result in Madhyamik 2024. Prizes were also given to the Best Musician & Best Sportsman. Our association with the mission is more than 4 decades old.

**Update on Cervical Cancer Vaccination:** Out of the first batch of 50 girls who were vaccinated on 1st July, 42 girls received their 2nd dose and 2 girls got vaccinated for their 1st dose on 3rd September at Refuge. The 2nd dose in January as they are below 14 years of age. Our RCC doctor Dr. Mittal was present with us. The girls enjoyed samosas and sweets after the vaccine.

**Cleft Lip Surgery Update:** The surgeries were scheduled for August but due to the protests and rallies near Narayana Hospital, we had to postpone the cleft lip surgeries. We are pleased to inform you that the surgeries have now been rescheduled and will take place on the 18th of September. President requested members to join for this new initiative of the Club.

**Toilet Visit at Nimpith Scheduled:** We are pleased to announce that 20 toilets were inaugurated on 13th September, Friday. Toilet No. 161-180, a part of our impactful Global Grant no. 1872799, at Nimpith.

**Computer & Spoken English Classes Update:** The computer and spoken English classes have started in full swing at The Refuge with approximately 100 children getting digital knowledge and 80 have enrolled for English. The classes run smoothly from Monday to Saturday at different timings.

**Scholarship to Navjyoti Students:** We have three talented students from Navjyoti Jan Kalyan Samiti who are currently pursuing their BCA at Nopany Institute of Management Sciences. They are now in their second year, and their first-year results have been outstanding. In recognition of their excellent performance and in line with our SOPs, we will be continuing their scholarships of ₹45,000 each. Our generous donors personally hand over the cheques after the meeting. A special thanks to Dr. Lalita Seth for sponsoring one student, and to Rtn. Yogesh Gupta for sponsoring two students. Your support is invaluable in shaping their future. Students name: SHIVAM JHA; ABHISHEK JHA & ROBIN MONDAL.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka announced the birthdays & anniversary for month. The attendance was 27 members present making it 60% .

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

**Mike handover:** Dr. Kalyan Sarkar introduced Dr. Prasun Mitra. It was a very interactive session moderated by Rtn. Nirmal Agarwal. Dr. Prasun answered all the questions and requested all to do regular checkups which includes ECG, ECO, Lipid profile & Sugar levels. It was a very informative meeting.

**Minuted by:**

**Rtn. Ruchira Bhuwalka**

**Secretary 2024-25 RCCM**

## Rotary Meeting on 12th Sept. Guest Speaker Dr. Prasun Mitra.



## Three students from Navjyoti Jankalyan Samiti being awarded scholarship

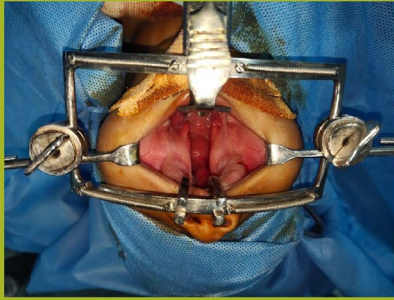


## Successful execution of Cleft lip surgery project

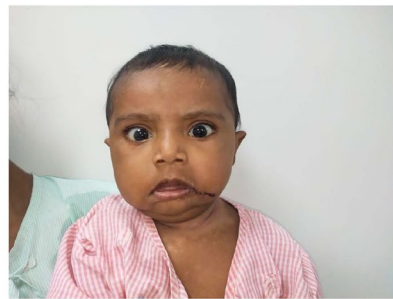


## Cleft lip surgery operated upon three children on 18th Sept at Narayana Hospital Howrah.

Cleft Palate Surgery being executed



Cleft Lip Side cut Surgery



Cleft Lip before & after the Surgery



Every smile is a gift. Through compassion and care, we are transforming lives- one smile at a time.

**Proud to be at Midtown!**



## Computer classes in full swing at The Refuge



Galaxy Z Fold3 5G

# Birthday's

"Cheers to another wonderful year"



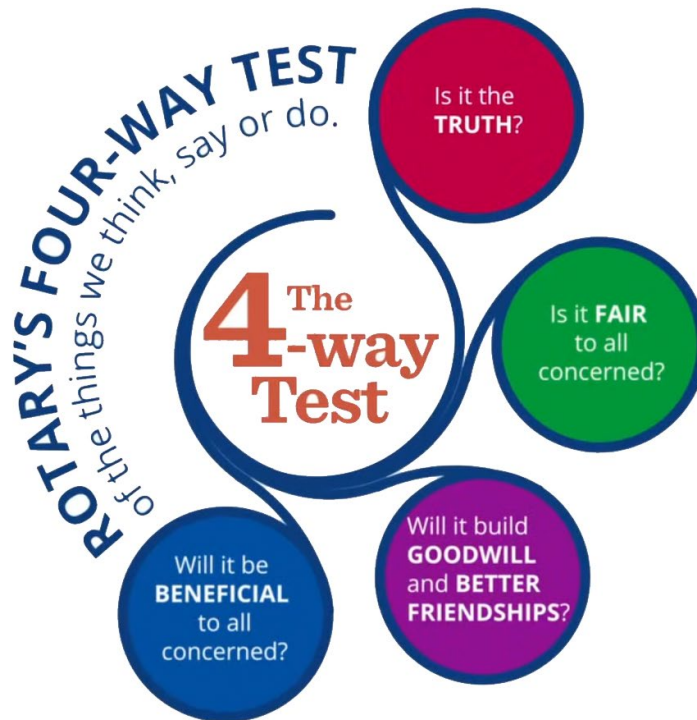
Rtn. Neerja Chand (26th September)



Rtn. K.P. Jhunjhunwala (1st October)



Rtn. Hitesh Dani (8th October)





Possessions do not  
define life

Define life  
with hearts you  
touch  
and smiles you bring  
on lips