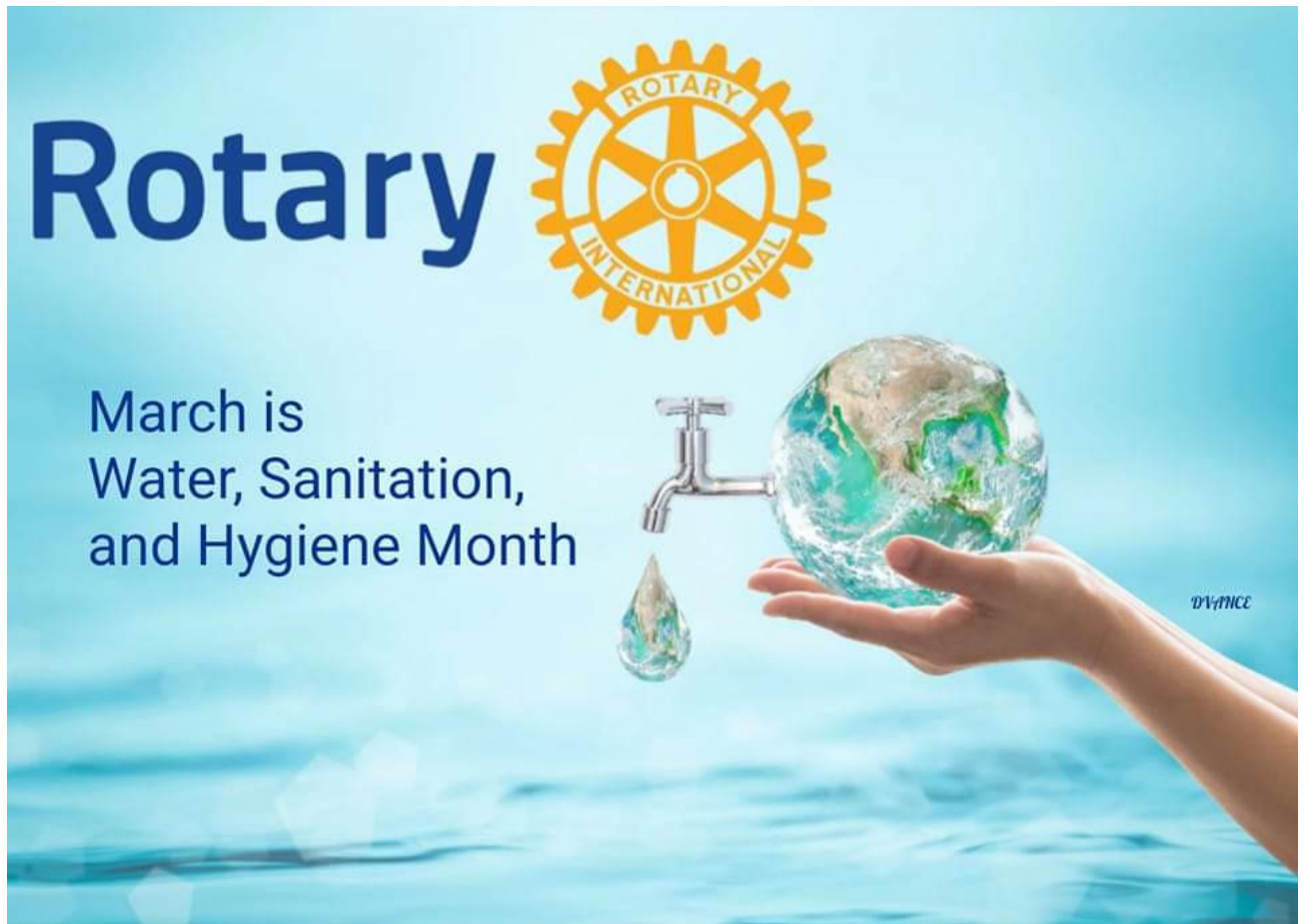




# THE MIDTOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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March is the month of water and sanitation over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe water and more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. Rotary projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation. Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure during march, rotary water, sanitation and hygiene month, were celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and Sanitation facilities to prevent spread of infectious diseases.

# the 4 way test

of the things we think, say, and do:

is it the

**truth?**

is it

**fair**

to all concerned?

will it build

**goodwill**

& better friendships?

will it be

**beneficial**

to all concerned?

Rotary  
District 9520



## Anniversary



Sonali & Yogesh Gupta

11<sup>th</sup> March



Sonal & Sahil Desai

12<sup>th</sup> March



Mayuri & Samir Doshi

14<sup>th</sup> March

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**Minutes of the 18th Regular and 2140th Continuous Meeting for the year 2023-2024 of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown was held on Thursday, 7th March 2024 at 6.30 pm at Saturday Club.**

**Meeting called to order:** PP Rtn. Dr. Surinder Kapoor called the meeting to order.

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

**Leave of Absence:** PP Rtn. Dr. Surinder Kapoor granted a leave of absence to President Ankush Raman Khanna. He then proceeded to welcome the members and guests.

**Confirmation of the previous minutes:** The 2139th Continuous and 17th Regular Meeting minutes for 2023-2024 were proposed and seconded by Rtn. Rakesh Khanna and Rtn. O.P. Agarwal respectively.

**Seargent At Arms:** PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor appointed Rtn. Sahil Desai as the sergeant at arms.

**Eye Camp:** PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor informed that out of 191 beneficiaries at the Eye Camp, 35 were slated for cataract operations. The first batch of 19 cases underwent successful surgeries on February 15th at The Rotary Eye Hospital in Budge Budge. Dates for the remaining 16 beneficiaries are pending. Feedback indicated satisfactory patient care. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor shared feedback highlighting the excellent hygiene and post-surgery care received. Credit for this success goes to Rtn. Rakesh Khanna.

Additionally, Ashish Chakraborty underwent successful laser treatment on one eye, with a retina operation scheduled for Saturday by Dr. Vivek Dutta at Mohanananda Netralaya Hospital, a unit of Behala Balananda Brahmachari Hospital. These operations are facilitated by the RC of Inner City, providing free surgery.

**Matrishakti:** PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor discussed the club's objective of the Matrishakti - Mother & Child high-nutrient product distribution project, highlighting the healthy outcomes for the babies. Concerns were raised about the incoming ashram administration's inability to adhere to our club SOPs and their differing attitudes and priorities. Following discussions with Dr. Kalyan Sarkar, it was decided to focus on identifying more deserving beneficiaries. As a result, no new candidates are currently being accepted for the project. Rtn. Dr. Kapoor asked the floor that Recognition be given to Dr. Sarkar's secretary, Ruma Samanta, for her dedication towards this project.

Total Distributions on 3rd February: 42

Completed: 6

Continuing cases: 39

Absent: 3

Next date for distribution: 6th April 2024.

**RCCM Scholarships:** During the meeting, PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor shared that Ashish Sahoo and Aisha Paswan have been identified as deserving candidates for the RCCM scholarships. Ashish Sahoo is pursuing MBBS while Aisha is preparing for her CA exams. Dr. Kapoor expressed Rtn. O.P. Agarwal's intention to support higher education by offering a larger donation, provided that it is utilized effectively for academically deserving candidates. However, the full amount would not be given upfront.

Instead, the necessary funds will be provided initially, and the remaining balance will be disbursed after the recipients submit their report cards and achievements on a half-yearly basis.

Rtn. Rakesh Sahni proposed that, before the end of each year, all scholarship recipients should be invited to meet with the committee for a discussion on career possibilities and encourage each other.

Dr. Kapoor also mentioned that the suggestions put forth by Rtns. O.P. Agarwal and Rakesh Sahni should be conveyed to the screening committee for consideration. A suggestion that the screening committee should meet the candidates before finalizing was accepted.

**Project Recce at The Refuge:** During the meeting, the exploration of potential projects within the city limits was discussed. Rtn. Nirmal Nahata and Secretary Rtn. Radhika Sahni visited The Refuge, an orphanage in Sealdah, which accommodates a total of 350/415 children and elderly women.

PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor requested Rtn. Nirmal Nahata to provide insights into the activities available for the residents of The Refuge. He also suggested organizing a team visit to facilitate informed decision-making on potential projects. Rtn. Nahata gave an overview of programs being held at the orphanage, indicating potential collaboration opportunities. Moreover, the upcoming office bearers were encouraged to participate in the visit. He stressed the importance of focusing on Rotary's areas of focus to ensure our efforts have a significant impact.

**Any Other Matter:** President Ankush R. Khanna who was attending over Zoom requested an update on signage and the next Miyawaki Project. The Secretary mentioned that the quotation for signage was too high, suggesting installing fewer signs. Director for Environment, Rtn. Preeti Agarwal, proposed delaying the second Miyawaki Forest. It was decided to continue this discussion offline.



**Secretaries Announcement:**

**Attendance:** 17 members present 33% attendance

**Birthday:**

22nd Mar – Yogesh Ajitsaria

**Anniversaries:**

11 Mar - Sonali & Yogesh Gupta

12 Mar - Sonal & Sahil Desai

14 Mar - Mayuri & Samirr Doshi

**Sunshine:** Rs. 3000/-

**Next Meeting:** 21st March 2024 at the Saturday Club.

**Meeting Closed:** PP Rtn. Dr. Kapoor expressed gratitude to all members, and guests in attendance, and adjourned the meeting.

**Minuted by:**

**Radhika Sahni**

**Secretary 20223-24**

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Do you want to make a real impact  
in the society?  
We are feeding 60 under nourished  
mothers, who don't even have  
food to eat.  
on the 6th April, 2024.  
If you want to help them come with  
us for our MATRISHAKTI PROJECT  
and make a difference in society,  
in morality and service.**

