



# THE MIDTOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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## 15th August Celebration

15th August Celebrations took place in SRI SRI VIDYA MANDIR SCHOOL which caters to slum children. The students from K.G. till class 3 performed a cultural show on the occasion of Independence Day. They recited poems and remembered our freedom fighters. President Rtn. Ankush Khanna got felicitated by the children with a beautiful card. Inner Wheel President Pratibha Jain and other inner wheel members also joined us at the school. We distributed school bags which contained exercise books, drawing books, crayons, pencil boxes, stationery and eatables. The teachers and the Principal were gifted our Rotary bag by Rtn. Sonali Gupta and other fellow Rotarians. The experience was overwhelming for all of us as we could bring a smile on the children's faces. Hats off to all the teachers and the Principal Mrs Krishna Chakraborty for the dedication they possess with which they teach and guide these underprivileged children. Our Rotarians hosted lunch for the Principal and teachers after the event, while discussing future projects and possibilities with them.



## 12th Aug 3rd regular meeting and 2125th continuous meeting while Celebrating Rtn. Rakesh Khanna's 45th Wedding Anniversary.

A well attended and fruitful meeting took place (minutes shared below). Two guests were introduced namely Mr. Nirmal Kumar Nahata and Mr. Hiranmoy Gon. We look forward to their active participation in the future.

The celebrations and fellowship for the wedding anniversary of our wonderful Rtn. Rakesh Khanna and Anne Nina Khanna were overwhelming.

### A special thanks to:

Rtn. Yogesh Ajitsaria : For organizing the music and for singing beautifully.

Rtn. Samir Prasad : For singing the night away.

Rtn. Ankush R Khanna : For singing with all his heart.

Rtn. Sahil And Anne Sonal Desai : For rocking the evening.

Rtn. (and bosses) Radhika & Rakesh Sahni : For the dance of the evening.

Mrs. & Mr. Nahata : For singing & dancing so well.

Rtn. Raja Garg and Anne Reetu : For being wonderful and warm.

All Rotarians & seniors present : For making the meeting magical & their phenomenal participation.

Thank you, our honorary members for attending & contributing : Rtn. Dr. Lalita Seth.

Rtn. Dr. Arijit Nag.





**Rotary**  
PEOPLE OF ACTION



**AUGUST IS  
MEMBERSHIP  
AND NEW CLUB  
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**We are People  
of Action**  
**CHANGE A LIFE**

Make a  
difference  
in the community  
and across  
the globe



**RJ**  
Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Matrishakti 2nd september

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A REAL  
IMPACT IN THE SOCIETY?  
WE ARE FEEDING 60  
UNDERNOURISHED MOTHERS  
WHO DONT EVEN HAVE FOOD  
TO EAT ON THE 2ND OF  
SEPTEMBER 2023.  
IF YOU WANT TO HELP THEM  
COME WITH US FOR OUR  
MATRISHAKTI PROJECT AND  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN  
SOCIETY, IN MORALITY AND  
SERVICE

# MIYAWAKI FOREST PROJECT

As we can see the work is in progress -

1/8 /2023 - Pit digging.

8/8/20213 - pumping water out of the pit and preparing soil.

10 /8/2023 - Soil preparation.

22/8 /2023 - Marking of sapling plantation.



**Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown Urban Afforestation Project**

Nurturing Earth, One Tree at a Time  
Join us in planting hope and safeguarding the planet

Urban afforestation is essential to address environmental challenges, enhance the quality of life for urban residents, and build more sustainable and resilient cities for the future




**Miyawaki Forest**

- Enhances air quality by absorbing pollutants and producing oxygen
- Mitigates the urban heat island effect, reducing temperatures in cities
- Provides habitat and promotes biodiversity for wildlife in urban areas
- Reduces stormwater runoff, preventing floods and soil erosion.
- Improves mental health and well-being, offering green spaces for relaxation
- Increases property values and enhances the aesthetics of urban landscapes
- Combats climate change by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere
- Encourages community involvement and fosters a sense of pride in green initiatives

Our Deliverables




**CONTRIBUTE NOW**

Rs. 3000/- for 5 trees

Rtn. Preeti Agarwal: 98312 52945  
Rtn. Ankush Khanna: 98300 41251  
Rtn. Radhika Sahni: 98311 33593

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# Birthday



**Bilan Singh**  
14<sup>th</sup> August



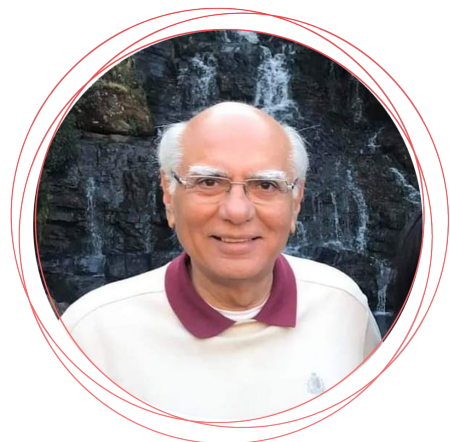
**Sanjay Choudhary**  
15<sup>th</sup> August



**Nirmal Agarwal**  
21<sup>st</sup> August



**Ruchira Bhuwalka**  
21<sup>st</sup> August



**Sudhir Chand**  
21<sup>st</sup> August

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**Minutes of the 3rd meeting for the year 2023-2024 and 2125th Continuous Meeting of The Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Sunday, the 12th of August 2023 at 06:30 pm at The Saturday Club.**

**Meeting called to order:** President Rtn. Ankush R. Khanna called the 2125<sup>th</sup> continuous and 3rd meeting for 2023-2024 to order.

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

**Address President:** President Ankush R. Khanna welcomed all the member's guests and appointed Rtn. Shalini Agarwal as the sergeant for the meeting.

**Confirmation of previous meeting minutes:** The 2124th continuous and 2nd meeting minutes for the year 2023-2024 were proposed and seconded by Rtn. Dr. Surinder K. Kapoor and Rtn. Sudhir Chand respectively.

**Miyawaki Project:** President Khanna briefed the audience about our ongoing Miyawaki project in collaboration with the Green for Life Foundation. He outlined the project's progress and its timeline, aiming for planting by the 26th of this month. An inauguration is planned with government officials and district members present, alongside a plaque at the site for proper branding. The speech also highlighted the positive impacts of the project. President Khanna stressed the importance of creating multiple forests for a greater impact and called for raising funds to support our next project. He urged all members to spread the word on social media and gather funds for the upcoming forest.

**Scholarship Project:** President Khanna has indicated that this initiative aligns with our commitment to promoting education and skill development in our community. For the funds, if required after exhausting commitments by Rtn.s O.P. Agarwal and Yogesh Gupta as per the case, Dr. Lalita Seth has graciously agreed to allow the use of the funds for deserving candidates. It was decided.

- To establish a scholarship committee to oversee and evaluate the impact of the program.
- To establish an email database for potential candidates
- The deserving candidates will be identified based on the following criteria: Annual Income, Aadhar Verification, and Geographical area.

**Club Assistant:** President Khanna announced that our club's assistant, Subroto Sen, now has a designated desk space and filing cabinet at his Park Street office for record-keeping purposes. Furthermore, candidates have been identified for a second assistant role, which will primarily involve digitizing and regular monitoring of the RCC. The President will apprise the board on this matter.

**Bag Project:** There was a comprehensive discussion about reevaluating the bag project, considering various aspects including design, material, size, distribution, education, and potential clients, with a focus on its benefits for both employment to the ladies at the RCC and the environment. All suggestions by the members were noted to help in reevaluating this project.

**Kolkata Kettle:** President Khanna asked Director Rtn. Rashmi Chaudhary to reveal the location and her plans for this year's Kolkata Kettle. Rtn. Rashmi explained her idea, focusing on highlighting the heritage aspect of the venue. In principle, all members agreed to proceed with Ice Skating as the venue for the event.

**Fund allocation for Health and Lifesaving projects:** President Khanna informed that A fund allocation of 10 lakhs was approved for health and life-saving projects in association with Tata Medical. Rtn. Rakesh Sahni said a structured approach was required and specific areas in the medical field should only be addressed. Honorary Member Dr. Arijit Nag's suggestion for a structured approach was well received. The focus would be on the treatment of cancer in children for a more significant societal impact. Rtn. Sahil volunteered to coordinate with Dr. Nag and assess the club's compatibility with a childhood cancer project his family has been involved in. The President ensured the club that the beneficiary selection process will also be rigorous.

**Joint Meeting:** President Khanna conveyed to the floor that the Rotary Club of Avyanna had proposed a joint meeting on the 23rd of August at The Conclave, and the floor approved the same.

**Independence Day Celebration at Sri Sri Vidya Mandir:** President Khanna informed us that an Independence Day celebration is planned at Sri Sri Vidya Mandir, featuring flag hoisting and performances by students. All members were urged to attend. It was also announced that Sri Sri Academy has agreed to collaborate with us, potentially involving the adoption of the school and infrastructure support through an MOU.

**Project Dignity:** President Khanna asked Rtn. Rakesh Sahni to provide the club with an update on the project and future plans. Rtn. Sahni responded by stating that he will present a comprehensive report detailing the current status of the project, his recommendations for the path ahead, and the challenges and obstacles the project is currently encountering on the official group.

**Introduction of Prospectives:** During the introduction of prospective members, Nirmal and Sushma Nahata shared their backgrounds as avid travelers with a strong passion for social service.

Hiranmoy Gon also made his introduction, sharing that he has been a Rotarian before and is eagerly looking forward to rejoining the Rotary community.

### **Any other Matter:**

- Rtn. Dr. Biman Chakraborty inquired about the status of the Model High School project. President Khanna cited legal constraints as informed by PP Mayuri Mody Doshi
- Rtn. Dr. Kapoor stressed the importance of school project sustainability via an MOU.
- Rtn. Rakesh Sahni discussed the pros and cons of rotational leadership and proposed all projects should have a shared vision with incoming presidents. President Khanna agreed.
- Rtn. Dr. Kapoor requested a trust deed update; President Khanna confirmed that Disha Kedia is working on the status of the 80G

### **Secretaries Announcement:**

**Anniversary:** Nina & Rakesh Khanna 12th Aug

**Birthdays:** Bilan Singh 14th Aug

Sanjay Chaudhary 15th Aug

Shalini Mehra 18th Aug

Sudhir Chand, Nirmal Agarwal, and Ruchira Bhuwalka 21st Aug.

**Attendance:** 24 members present 48% attendance.

**Next Meeting:** Joint meeting with Rotary Clubs of Avyanna and Yuvis on Wednesday, 23rd August at Citadel, The Conclave at 6.00 pm.

**Sunshine collection:** Rs. 1000/-

**Vote of Thanks:** Rtn. Samir Prasad President for a well-conducted meeting and thanked the members and guests for being engaging and participative meeting.

**Closure of Meeting:** The meeting was closed by the President. Ankush Raman Khanna.

**Minuted by**

**Radhika Sahni**

**Secretary**

**2023-24**