



THE MIDTOWNER

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MIDTOWN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Ritika kumari and kritika kumari who have passed out of Sri Sri Vidya Mandir School, Their principal recommended their names for scholarships and after a lot of screening our president and team decided upon these two candidates.

Our fellow Rtn. Anirudh made a generous contribution and handed over the scholarship cheque to the principal of the school. This meeting was attended by our mentor Rtn. Surinder ji all the way from Geneva on zoom. His dedication to rotary is admired by one and all.

During this meeting we had Rtn. Samir Prasad introduce us to the idea of Corporate membership in our club. He gave a fantastic presentation to us. Looking forward to have this idea incorporated in our club.



A STEP TOWARDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

We are proud to announce that our sewing classes have a strength of 16 girls and they are being taught by Tanushree Ma'am. They are doing phenomenal work where the girls have learnt sewing of blouses, dresses, petticoats and frocks for kids. The list is endless and their work is very neat and impressive. Its a pleasure seeing that how these classes are making them financially independent. Hats of to our Rotarian friends who have put in their time and efforts in this project. With just a little more help from us, These girls would be able to lead a better life..





P.K. Bose
15th September

Birthday



Neerja Chand
26th September



Rotary

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



KOLKATA KETTLE 5.0

WE ARE BREWING AGAIN

11 & 12 JANUARY 2024

27 BALLYGUNGE PARK, KOLKATA



FOR PARTICIPATION
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Minutes of the 2127th Continuous Meeting and 5th for the year 2023-2024 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday, the 14th of September 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at The Saturday Club.

Meeting called to order: President Rtn. Ankush Raman Khanna called the 2127th continuous and 5th meeting for 2023-2024 to order.

National Anthem: The National Anthem was sung by all.

President Ankush Khanna welcomed all the members and guests.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The 2126th continuous and 4th meeting minutes for the year 2023-2024 were passed and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor and Rtn. S. Ravi respectively.

The Miyawaki and Environmental Projects: President Ankush Khanna commenced the meeting by applauding the club on the successful initiation of the Miyawaki Urban Afforestation program and urged active sponsorship-seeking for the upcoming Miyawaki forest project. He introduced a new environmental project in the Kolaghat area, involving a plantation along the Railway track to be executed by the Green for Life Foundation, as they've secured the land from Railways.

Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor proposed project selection criteria, emphasizing factors like feasibility, cooperation, permissions and costs. After group discussion, it was decided to make an informed decision after a comprehensive survey of the project area, sharing details and considering potential challenges with all members.

Rtn. Samir Prasad stressed the importance of urban afforestation in the club's environmental efforts. Rtn. S Ravi highlighted the need to assess the club's capacity and other parameters before committing to new projects. A consensus to responsibly proceed with the Kolaghat environmental project, aligning it with the club's goals and resources was reached.

Scholarship Scheme: The President discussed the Scholarship scheme and welcomed Mrs. Krishna Chakraborty, the Principal of Sri Sri Vidya Mandir. President Khanna announced that a screening committee led by Rtn. Yugal Sikri, with input from Hon. Member Dr. Lalita Seth, has been established. Scholarships will be announced at all future meetings. Rtn. Anirudh Tikmani received two screened applicants from Sri Sri Vidhya Mandir for whom he has contributed to one year of education for classes 4 and 7. Mrs. Chakraborty received the 2 cheques on their behalf. President Khanna also told the floor that Dr. Seth had presented new cases, including some students lacking funds for books. Rtn. Rakesh Sahni proposed including all applicant details in the official group for more inclusive participation.

Project Dignity: President Khanna commended Rtn. Rakesh Sahni for his dedication to the project. Rtn. Rakesh Sahni provided information about the grant money and how we've exceeded the required number of toilets to be built. He also discussed the challenges we face as a club in continuing the project, with Rama Krishna Mission unable to follow through. Delays in reporting, caused by late accounts submission, have been an issue, and the foundation views this unfavorably. The club agreed to visit the Mission and discuss the way forward to complete the project.

Cancer Screening at RCC with Avyanna: President Khanna reaffirmed our club's dedication to cancer screening as a primary focus. He proposed a collaboration with Rotary Club Avyanna for a joint program at our RCC. Avyanna has partnered with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital, providing free screenings in Kolkata's slums. It was tentatively agreed to conduct the program on October 2nd at the RCC, with plans to advertise it in the slum areas. The hospital will assist with treatment for diagnosed cases. Rtn. Sahil Desai emphasized the hospital's reliability for advancing our project.

Policy on Medical Sponsorships: President Khanna asked the floor regarding the way forward as regards the application for the cancer treatment of an applicant. The floor felt that working with an institute in a structured manner would be the best way forward.

Matrishakti: President Khanna informed the members about the upcoming monthly visit for the Mother and Child Project, known as Matrishakti, scheduled for October 7th. He encouraged club members to participate in large numbers.

Kolkata Kettle: President Khanna informed the floor of the dates of our Fundraiser Kolkata Kettle as the 11th & 12th of January at 27th Ballygunge Place.

Corporate Memberships: President Ankush Khanna invited Past President Samir Prasad to present the Corporate Membership Plan to the club. Rtn. Prasad shared the details with the official group and discussed them with the floor. He introduced a three-tiered membership structure that could be incorporated into the club's bylaws. These tiers would enable corporate leaders to utilize their CSR funds, engage in projects, access Rotary's global network, and gain recognition. The club applauded Rtn. Samir Prasad's efforts and it was agreed to establish a task force to delve deeper into the plan.

Any other matter: Rtn. Rakesh Sahni brought up the urgent need to get our trust deed in order. He said we should consider a committee of senior members that should take this forward.

Secretary's Report:

Birthdays:

P.K. Bose 15th Sept.

Neerja Chand 26th Sept.

Attendance: 19 Members / 40% attended the meeting.

Closure of Meeting: President Khanna thanked the floor and closed the meeting.

Minuted by

Radhika Sahni

Secretary

2023-24

UPCOMING PROJECTS



A cancer screening project is envisaged in our RCC on the 2nd of October 2023 . This will be a joint project done by Rotary club of Calcutta Midtown , Rotary club of Calcutta Avyanna and NSCRI



**Breast and cervical cancer screening for women.
Oral cancer screening for men**



**Awareness program to be held from 10 to 11am
Cancer Screening will commence from 11am to 1 pm**

You, your presence and your participation will make all the difference

<https://rccalcuttamidtown.rotaryindia.org/>



2nd October

**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 7th October, 2023.**

**If you want to help them come with
us for our MATRISHAKTI PROJECT
and make a difference in society,
In morality and service.**



7th October