



THE MIDTOWNER

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

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Joint project of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown and RC of AVYANNA



We take pleasure informing that our club Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown along with RC of AVYANNA organised Tejaswini Samman in association with Support act supported by Crafts Council of West Bengal during Durga Puja to felicitate and encourage women power.

This award is to recognize and felicitate Durga Pujas with a difference.

Tejaswini, The Fiery Triumphant, seeks to recognize the particular Pujas that celebrate womanhood not just in the idols of Durga but the living embodiment of every woman who takes care of home, hearth, her children and is also capable of multitasking and balancing both personal & professional life representing "Shaktirupeno Sansthita", "Matrirupeno Sansthita". From times immemorial, we Indians have worshipped the concept of a Mother Goddess. Today, Durga Pujo is celebrated in a most regal and magnificent manner keeping in mind environment preservation thereby addressing not only religious, cultural and social issues but also environmental issues benefiting society at large.

As we are overwhelmed in our devotion to the Mother on these particular days, we need to give back to the society by respecting and protecting women and girl child. Mother Deity in every aspect of the celebrations, right from the initiatives that are being taken by a puja committee to protect a girl child to the measures taken to respect and protect women of the locality, and also to recognise and felicitate female Idol makers, female designers, lady priests to the women who participate with such joyous abandon in all aspects of every religious ritual not just as a gesture of duty but of absolute love and submission. To protect environment, the Pujo Pandals that are engaged in upscaling and recycling discarded objects to create new & attractive product/ art using craft and its traditions to create contemporary motifs keeping the cultural connotation as part of the design process. The use of sustainable materials thereby leaving minimum carbon footprint causing least harm to the planet.

The judgement parameters include very potent concerns of society today: Respecting Women and Girl Child Supporting Environment.

Matrishakti Camp 4/11/2023



Project report:

8 complete cases, 13 new cases, 38 ongoing cases, 1 absent case.

Anniversary



Shobha & S Ravi

1st November

Birthday



Lalita Seth
29th October



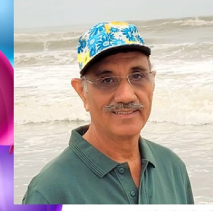
Yogesh Gupta
29th October



Kiran Kapoor
2nd November



Poonam Tikmani
4th November



Bhupesh Kapoor
6th November

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Minutes of the 2130th Continuous Meeting and 8th for the year 2023-24 of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 6.30 p.m. over Zoom.

Meeting called to order: President Rtn. Ankush Raman Khanna called the 2130th continuous and 8th meeting of 2023-2024 to order.

National Anthem: The National Anthem was rendered by all.

Confirmation of previous meeting minutes: The 2129th continuous and 7th meeting minutes for the year 2023-2024 were passed and seconded by Rtn. Yugal Sikri and Rtn. Narinder Gulati respectively.

President's Address: President Khanna welcomed all members for the meeting and shared that the members of the Rotary Club of Victoria thanked us for our hospitality and expressed interest in collaborating on joint projects with our club in December.

Puja Parikrama with the Visually Impaired: President Ankush Khanna, along with Rotarians Rakesh Khanna and Chetna Khanna, were present at Sealdah station to see off the bus carrying the boys from RKBBA and their families on a tour of the Durga Puja Pandals. The boys graciously expressed their gratitude for enabling them to experience the camaraderie and splendor of the pandals.

Tejaswini with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna: President Khanna provided an update on the collaborative project with RC Avyanna, organizing the Tejaswini Samman event during Durga Puja. This event, supported by the Supportact and Crafts Council of West Bengal, aims to honor and encourage the empowerment of women. The evaluation criteria for this project encompasses critical societal issues such as respecting women and supporting the girl child and the environment.

RCC Clinic: President Khanna informed the club about the operations and oversight of the clinic. He mentioned that Dr. Mittal had requested the revival of the Basic Medicine Bank at the clinic. A list of required medicines has been shared, and the implementation will proceed once all necessary parameters are in place.

Matrishakti: President Khanna provided an update on the progress of the Matrishakti project and informed the members about the upcoming visit on November 4th. He proposed expanding the number of beneficiaries following this visit. Dr. Rtn. Surinder Kapoor was requested to brief the club on his visit to RC Kew Gardens, London, and he requested the President to provide a comprehensive report on Matrishakti, as RC Kew Gardens expressed a strong interest in joining this initiative.

Hajamat RCCM Fundraiser: The President informed the club about the upcoming play scheduled for the 30th and expressed gratitude to Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor for his efforts in securing Aum Capitals as a sponsor contributing Rs. 50,000. All members were encouraged to attend the event in full force. Rtn. Dhawan's suggestions regarding sponsor logos were well-received, and Rtn. Samir Prasad provided an overview of his sponsorship efforts. Rtn. Shalini Agarwal suggested focusing on specific areas of our club's work for contributions and recommended promoting our Kolkata Kettle as part of a cross-promotion, with incentives for attendees through a lucky draw.

Diwali Meeting cum Grand Fellowship: President Ankush R. Khanna informed the club about an upcoming fellowship meeting and encouraged all members to attend with their spouses.

Secretaries Announcement:

Attendance: 16 members present marking 32% attendance

Birthdays:

29th Nov Yogesh Gupta

02nd Nov Kiran Kapoor

4th Poonam Tikmani

6th Bhupesh Kapoor

Anniversaries:

1st Nov Shobha & SRavi.

Next Meeting: 09th Nov 23 at The Community Hall City High Apartments.

Closure of meeting: President Ankush R. Khanna closed the meeting.

Minuted by
Radhika Sahni
Secretary
2023-24

UPCOMING EVENTS



PADHAARO SA

This Diwali, unleash your inner Maharaja or Maharani and join us for an evening of royal grandeur in traditional Rajasthani attire



6:30 PM, 9th November, Thursday

VENUE: 85 Prince Anwar Shah
Road, City High, Tower 2,
Community Hall, 2nd Floor,
Kolkata, 700030

Hosted by

Vikram Poddar
Ritu - Raja
Sarika - Sreekant
Radhika- Rakesh
Shalini - Nirmal
Mayuri - Samirr
Sonali-Yogesh
Chetna - Ankush





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