

THE MIDTOWNER

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From Editor's Desk

Cervical cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among women, particularly in developing nations. According to the World Health Organization, nearly all cases are linked to persistent infection with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV), making it one of the most preventable forms of cancer through timely vaccination, regular screening, and early intervention.

Recognizing this critical global health challenge, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have actively supported initiatives focused on women's health. Across countries such as India, Nigeria, and the Philippines, Rotary clubs have implemented impactful projects through Global Grants—facilitating HPV vaccination drives, awareness campaigns, and accessible screening programs in collaboration with hospitals, NGOs, and public health agencies. These efforts have empowered thousands of women with knowledge and access to life-saving preventive care.

Aligned with this global Rotary vision, our club has taken meaningful steps to contribute to this cause. Through dedicated awareness initiatives, outreach programs, and screening support, we strive to educate women on the importance of early detection and preventive healthcare. Our recent fundraiser stands as a testament to the strength of Rotary fellowship and our shared commitment to service. The funds raised will further strengthen our ongoing efforts to expand awareness, improve access to screenings, and promote preventive care within our community.

MILESTONE ACHIEVED – 1000 DOSES

A moment of immense pride for all of us!

We are delighted to share that we have successfully reached the incredible milestone of 1000 doses administered — a powerful step towards building a healthier, safer community.

A big round of applause to all our members whose dedication and collective effort made this achievement possible.

A SPECIAL, LOUD SHOUT-OUT to IPP Rtn. Preeti Agarwal for her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment in spearheading this impactful initiative.

Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Nirmal and Rtn. Samirr for being present and supporting us on this landmark occasion.

Rotary has always believed that sustainable change begins with awareness and is driven by collective action. By addressing issues that directly impact the health and dignity of women, we are not only saving lives but also strengthening families and communities.

As Rotarians, let us continue to champion initiatives that empower women—with knowledge, access, and the assurance that their well-being truly matters. Together, through Service Above Self, we can move towards a future where cervical cancer is no longer a silent threat, but a preventable and eradicated disease.

Warm regards,
Rtn. Simran Gupta
Editor

Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown

Minutes of the 12th Regular Meeting for the Year 2025 - 2026 and the 2181st Continuous Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown

Date : 11th February, 2026 | Time : 6:30 PM | Venue : Room No. 1, Saturday Club

Presiding Officer: President Hitesh Dani | Attendance: 36% (17 members present)

1. Call to Order

President Hitesh Dani called the meeting to Order.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Rtn. Rakesh Sahani and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

3. Project Cervical Cancer Vaccine

President Hitesh invited Rtn. Preeti Agarwal (Project Director) to give the current report on the Cervical Cancer Project. Rtn Preeti informed the floor that until now 654 vaccines have been administered and all the beneficiaries who were supposed to be given the 2nd Dose will be administered within February. She also informed the floor that Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre is also keen to vaccinate 50 girls in collaboration with Midtown.

4. Project Cleft Lip Surgery Camps

Rtn Preeti Agarwal informed the floor that a Cleft Lip Camp was held at Jujursaha. Rtn Rakesh suggested that we should review a Pre and Post Picture of such surgeries and review the Parents of such Children.

5. Fund Raiser – Play

A discussion was held on Raising funds for Project Cleft Lip by doing a play called Zindagi Milegi Dobra. Passes will be sold to collect funds which will be used for the Cleft lip Project and the Project will be called “PROJECT SMILE”. Rtn Manoj Kedia was appointed the convenor for this Fund Raiser.

6. Secretary's Time

Attendance: 36% (17 members present)

Birthdays for the Month

- 2nd February : Rtn. Nitesh Agarwal
- 7th February : Rtn. Ravi Kedia
- 15th February : Rtn. Ranjit Sen
- 18th February : Rtn. Radhika Sahani
- 20th February : Rtn. Vikram Poddar

Anniversary for the Month

- 1st February : Rtn. Rakesh and Radhika Sahani
- 15th February : Rtn. Nirmal and Shalini Agarwal
- 26th February : Rtn. Kalyan and Lipika Sarkar

7. Sergeant's Time

Sergeants' collection Rs. 5000/-

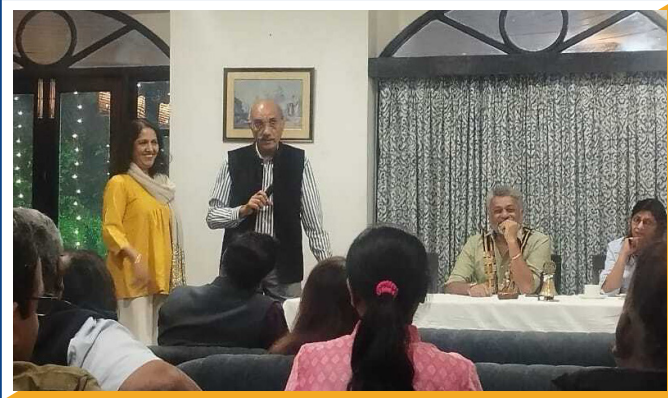
8. Meeting was closed by the President

Reported by Jt Secretary Ruchira Bhuwalka /Mayuri Mody Doshi
(Secretary 2025-26)

Recorded by
Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi
Secretary 2025-2026

Regular meeting at Room No. 1, Saturday Club at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Rotary Midtown meeting held on 11th February



Rotary 



1. Is it the TRUTH?



2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO



3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?



4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Minutes of the 13th Regular Meeting for the Year 2025 - 2026 and the 2182nd Continuous Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown

Date : 2nd March, 2026 | Time : 6.00 PM | Venue : 19th Bar, Royal Golf Club

Presiding Officer: President Hitesh Dani | Attendance: 34% (15 members present)

1. Call to Order

President Hitesh Dani called the meeting to Order.

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Rtn. Radhika Sahani and seconded by Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor.

3. Project Cervical Cancer Vaccine

President Hitesh informed the floor about the 2nd Dose administered to 68 girls at the Sanghamitra Girls High School. He also mentioned that till date Midtown has administered around 800 vaccines and by the end of this Term we will be completing around 1600 vaccines administered. He also mentioned that there will still be some funds left over which were raised for this project and the President Elect Rtn Radhika will have to decide whether to use the funds for this same project or another one, since our Prime Minister has also decided to start Free Camps for administering these vaccines. He also mentioned that for the next Golf Fund Raiser we need to plan another project since once the Government starts the free Camps for the cervical vaccine it does not make sense to continue the same project.

President Hitesh also reported that another Cleft Lip Awareness Camp was held at Nonadanga. This was a joint Project with Rotary Presidency club.

4. Project Cleft Lip Surgery Camps

President Rtn. Hitesh Dani requested Rtn. Mayuri to report for the Cleft Lip Camp. It was reported that the camp was held at Jujursaha on 22nd February 2026. There were 17 patients, out of which 9 will go for the Surgery, 4 will go for speech therapy and 4 will go for nutrition.

5. DG Visit on 10th April 2026

President Hitesh informed the floor regarding the upcoming DG Visit on 10th April 2026. Venue would be informed and President requested all members to attend in good numbers.

6. Fund Raiser – Play

President requested Rtn. Bhupesh Kapoor to inform the floor about the details of the upcoming Fund Raiser in the form of a Play. Rtn Bhupesh spoke about the details of the play called ZINDAGI MILEGI DOBARA and since it is a Fund Raiser for PROJECT SMILE and the fund raised will be used for the Cleft Lip Camps he also requested all the members to help in raising funds for this project.

7. Trust and Global Grant Bank Accounts

President Hitesh informed the floor that our Trust account was frozen due to requirement of KYC but with help of Subrata all necessary documents were submitted and the account has been revived. President Hitesh thanked the treasurer Rtn. Sahil for his efforts. Treasurer Sahil also informed the floor that the Global Grant account has been frozen and which also he is working on.

8. Any Other Matter

Inner Wheel Member Anne Kiran Kapoor informed midtown about a requirement of Sanitary Napkin Incinerator which is required by a school where Inner Wheel and Midtown had in the past donated a Sanitary Napkin machine and a Incinerator. The school had informed that they need a new Incinerator now as the old one is spoilt. President Hitesh informed Kiranji that he will look into this matter and conclude the same after finding out the cost etc.

9. Secretary's Time

Attendance: 34% (15 members present)

Birthdays for the Month

- 5th March : Rtn. Shalini Agarwal
- 22nd March : Rtn. Yogesh Ajitsaria
- 26th March : Rtn. Ashish Bhuwarka

Anniversary for the Month

- 11th March : Rtn. Yogesh and Rtn. Sonali
- 12th March : Rtn. Sahil and Sonal Desai
- 14th March : Rtn. Samirr and Mayuri Doshi

10. Sergeant's Time

Sergeants' collection Rs. 5300/-

11. Meeting was closed by the President

Reported by Secretary Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi (Secretary 2025-26)

Recorded by
Rtn. Mayuri Mody Doshi
Secretary 2025-2026

Regular Rotary Midtown meeting held on 2nd March



Project

Cleft Lip Health Camp at Jujursaha on Sunday, 22nd February

Total 17 patients

4 for speech therapy | 4 for nutrition

9 patients for surgery



Project

Cervical Cancer Vaccine Project on 16th February, 2026

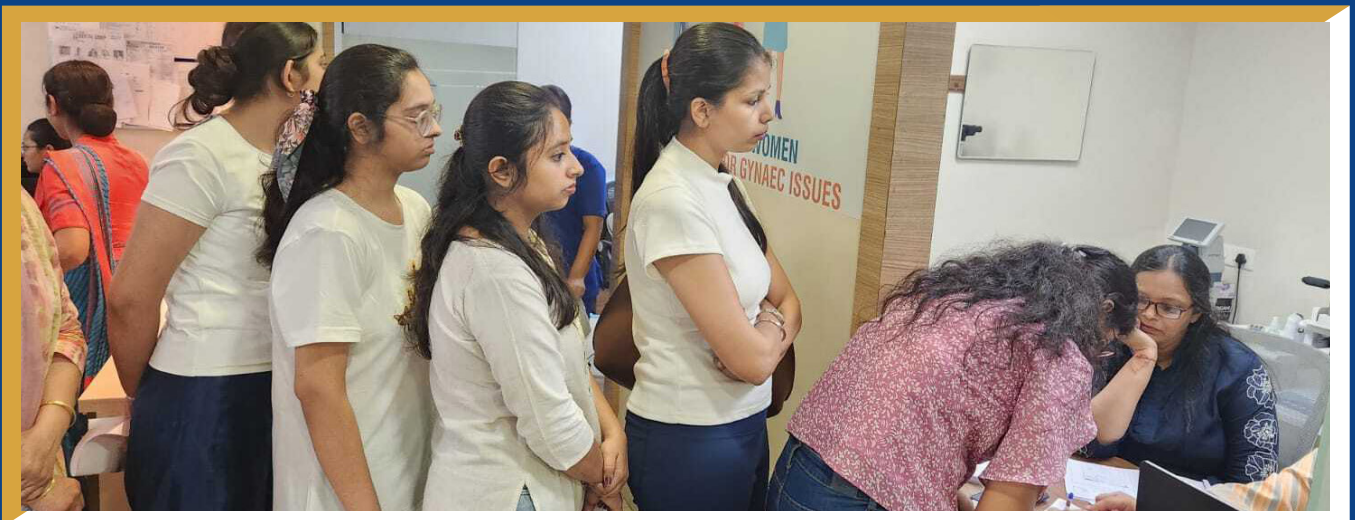
Second dose of vaccination for 68 girls at Sanghamitra Vidyalaya



Regular meeting at Room No. 1, Saturday Club at 6:30 p.m.

Project

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Program on 14th March, 2026
at Apollo Clinic, Sarat Bose Road
First dose for 100 beneficiaries



Project

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Program on 14th March, 2026
at Bidhan Garden area

Second dose for 35 beneficiaries



Birthdays



22nd Mar

Rtn. Yogesh Ajitsaria



26th Mar

Rtn. Ashish Bhuwalka



4th Apr

Rtn. Preeti Agarwal



5th Apr

Rtn. Rakesh Khanna



6th Apr

Rtn. Surinder Kapoor



7th Apr

Rtn. Deven Shah