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1620th Regular Meeting

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We meet every alternate Thursday at THE ANTELOPE, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 at 8.00 pm.

Rtn Subasish Halder
President

Rtn Swapnamita Roy
Secretary

Rtn Sukanta Khan
Treasurer

PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul
Editor



ETHICAL DILEMMA DISCUSSION



A club member makes a comment during a planning meeting for a community service project, saying, "We should focus on helping this poor community because they're the ones who really need our assistance. I'm proud our club's projects will help them." This comment raises several ethical concerns, including:

1. Reinforcing negative stereotypes

- **Perpetuates poverty as a fixed state.** It implies that poverty is a natural characteristic of a community, rather than a result of systemic issues and historical inequalities.
- **Dehumanizes the community.** It reduces the community to a single characteristic (poverty) and ignores the diversity of individuals, skills, talents, assets, and experiences within it.

2. Perpetuating the hero-victim narrative

- **Positions the club as superior.** It suggests that the club is in a position of power and authority, implying that the community is helpless and reliant on their assistance.
- **Reinforces dependency.** This narrative can create a cycle of dependency and reinforce the idea that the community is incapable of helping itself.

This perspective is well intended but may negatively impact the club's reputation, its relationships with the community, and the community it seeks to support.

Ethical dilemma : How would you respond to ensure the club avoids perpetuating harmful stereotypes without creating a hostile environment? What are the consequences of ignoring or tolerating such behaviour?



17 Apr : Soma Mukherjee, W/o Rtn Suven Mukherjee



19 Apr : Rtn Srikanta & Rtn Indrani Basu Mallik

22 Apr : Rtn Hara Prasad & Dibyani Garg



**Peacebuilding
and Conflict
Prevention**



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Prevention
& Treatment**



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Sanitation
& Hygiene**



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Child Health**



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& Literacy**



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Economic
Development**



Environment

Minutes of the 1619th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East held at The Antelope, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 on 27.03.25 at 8.00 PM.

- ❖ In absence of President Rtn Subasish Halder the Vice President Rtn Angana Paul called the meeting to order at 8.20 pm followed by National Anthem.
- ❖ She announced that President Subasish is recovering well and wished him a speedy recovery.
- ❖ She announced that our club's DG visit was held on 13th March, 2025 successfully and the District administration were satisfied with the reports submitted by our club. The visit was followed by a cultural program on Holi. District officials and members and their family enjoyed and appreciated the program. The evening ended with fellowship and dinner.
- ❖ On this day our club inducted 2 new members, Ms. Puspita Mukherjee and Mr. Supravat Chandra. Rotary pin was handed over to them by The District 1st Lady and District Governor
- ❖ Our project at Baruipara is ready and the same will be inaugurated after the recovery of our President.
- ❖ Our Club Project DHWANI in association with The Karna will be held on 13.04.2025. Rtn Shubadip Roy briefed the members of the following:
 - It will be held at ICCR, booking for the same has been done.
 - The Karna will donate 40n hearing aids to the needy on that date.
 - It will be followed by contributory Lunch.
 - A committee consisting of President, Secretary, Rtn Sabyasachi, PP Rtn Sudip, PP Rtn Shubadip and IPP Rtn Vivek has been formed to look after and arrange the program, Dhwanani.
- ❖ Formation of RCC at Burul was discussed but members did not agree to the proposal. Hence RCC at Burul has been dropped.

Announcements made by President Elect Rtn Mrs Angana Paul

1. She attended both President Elect Learning seminar 1 & 2 and has received the certificate for the same.
 2. There will be no theme for Rotary from the year 2025 -2026
 3. Incoming RI President first message for the members is 'UNITE FOR GOOD'
 4. Our installation ceremony will be held on 19th June, 2025 at 6.30 pm at Lake Club.
 5. PE proposed to open a separate Installation Bank account so that there is no mixing up of the current year's funds with the incoming year Installation account. Members agreed to this and a resolution towards this was passed to this effect.
- ❖ In absence of Secretary PP Rtn Srikanta Basu Mallik took the chair of the Secretary and confirmed the minutes of the last meeting.
 - ❖ He announced that there were no Birthday or Wedding greetings. Bliss was sponsored by Rtn Rathindra Nath Dey, and snacks was sponsored by PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul and fellowship was sponsored by Rtn Arup Mukherjee.
 - ❖ There being no other business Acting President terminated the meeting at 9.30 pm.

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