



**ISSUE No: 16 / 2025-2026**

**REGULAR MEETING No. 2968**

**13 March 2026**

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**An inspirational story for Women's Day**

Salima Tete's journey from poverty-stricken Jharkhand, where she played hockey for chickens and goats, to becoming the youngest captain of India's National Team and an Olympian, is a powerful testament to resilience and passion. Her story highlights how, despite lacking resources, dedication can shatter societal barriers and lead to global success.

Born to farmer parents, Salina Tete grew up in a small village where the red-soil fields were her only trading ground. While many local girls were limited by poverty and tradition, Salina was driven by her love for hockey, often walking miles to play and winning local tournaments to help feed her family.

Despite lacking proper footwear or gear, Salina dared to dream of playing on international, green, artificial turf. Her relentless practice and unwavering determination caught the eyes of selectors, leading her to the National Team.

Overcoming immense odds, She grew to become a fearless athlete, representing India at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and later leading the team with the same fiery spirit, she showed in the dusty fields of Simdega. Salima's story is a shining example for young women to trust their abilities and chase their dreams regardless of their starting point.

### **THE CLUB SECRETARY SPEAKS:**

**\*TRUE Story\***

In 1982, a man named Larry Walters, a truck driver from Los Angeles, decided to turn a lifelong dream into reality — with a lawn chair, helium balloons, and pure nerve. He tied 45 weather balloons to his patio chair, packed a BB gun and a sandwich, and cut the tether, expecting to gently float about 30 to 100 feet above the ground.

What happened next stunned the world. Instead of drifting slightly upward, Walters shot skyward at an alarming speed, reaching nearly 16,000 feet. In the thin, freezing air, he struggled to breathe as he unknowingly drifted into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) airspace. One astonished commercial airline pilot radioed air traffic control with the now-famous line: "I have just passed a guy in a lawn chair with a gun."

Miraculously, Walters survived. Using his BB gun, he carefully shot several balloons to descend safely back to Earth. His flight remains one of the most unbelievable true stories ever recorded — a mix of curiosity, courage, miscalculation, and sheer luck. Sometimes Reality is stranger than fiction.

He was fined \$1,500 by the Federal Aviation Administration for operating a non-airworthy aircraft. The chair is now part of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum collection.

When asked why he did it, he famously told reporters, "A man can't just sit around".

### **SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES —**

- 4th March was the Wedding Anniversary of PP Ranendra Kishore & Ashoka Dasgupta
- 10th March was the Birthday of PP Debasis De
- 22nd March is the Birthday of Mrs.Meera Behera

**PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS MONTH**

- **1st March — Mega Health Camp** was conducted at the Jodhpur Park Boys' Club to cater to the slum dwellers of the locality. 3 doctors— a gynecologist, a pediatrician and a General Physician checked the locals. 10 students of the Microbiology Department of St.Xavier's College along with their HOD, PP Rtn Dr.Arup Kr Mitra did Blood group, Blood Pressure and random Blood Sugar tests. BOGS sponsored and conducted free hemoglobin and Thalassemia screening tests. About 75 beneficiaries registered. 25 Mosquito nets and 30 Blankets were distributed among the locals. See pictures below
- **4th March — Under the leadership of PP Satya Sundar Sarangi 2 Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines** were installed in 2 girls' schools — one in Mugberia and the other in Muradpur in East Midnapur. A year's contract has been made with a company to refill the vending machines with sanitary napkins. See pictures below

#### UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Visit to St.Xavier's College Raghobpur to conduct Haemoglobin and Thalassemia Screening Tests on the students.**
- **Safe Traffic Awareness Programme in one of the schools in the Golf Green area.**

#### FELICITATION

Our President Rtn Ruma Mitra was deliberated by the Manipal Group of Hospitals on 8th March, on the occasion of Women's Day in the Social Worker category.

#### RCCSW IN ACTION

#### Bakery Classes at LIGHT HOUSE FOR THE BLIND.

Comments by: PROF. Amitava Dutta, President BE College Alumni Association

Regular baking classes have begun at a full swing in the Light House for the Blind. It was truly fascinating to watch the boys trying to understand the difference between baking soda and baking powder simply by feeling them with their fingers. Substances with a smell are naturally much easier for them to identify. The more I observe them, the more deeply I realise how privileged we are.



Custard cake 🍰 making at the Light House of the Blind.

Till now 3 classes were conducted by the Aparna. Attendance for the Baking classes is more or less regular.



#### SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINES INSTALLATION

Two Sanitary Napkin Vending machines were installed in two girls' schools at East Midnapur: Mugberia and Muradpur



### MEGA HEALTH CAMP AT JODHPUR PARK BOY'S CLUB



**Report by: Rtn. Somdatta Mitra**

**The much-awaited D-day finally arrived after days of enthusiastic planning and anticipation. We set off for our picnic at 8:30 am from Calcutta Rowing Club on a bright, sunny Sunday, headed towards Jyotirmoy Knowledge Park. The hour-long journey flew by in no time, filled with heartfelt conversations, laughter, and the delight of hot, freshly fried shingaras.**

**On arrival, we were greeted by lush green fields and charming, comfortable hut-like rooms that instantly set the mood for a perfect day. After a hearty breakfast, we dove straight into games—spirited rounds of housie, antakshari, numeric games, along with music and dance kept the energy high and the fellowship at its vibrant best, all complemented by refreshing treats.**

**Soon, it was time for lunch, and a delectable spread awaited us. Post lunch, the adda continued over cups of tea, interspersed with lively conversations and a cheerful photo session—because moments like these truly deserve to be captured and cherished.**

**With hearts full of joy and memories to treasure, we began our journey back around 4:45 pm. It was, indeed, a wonderfully fun-filled day—one that will stay with us fondly for a long time to come.**





**A FEW IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- 22 March 2026: PRESIDENTS ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR at TAJ VIVANTA**
- 26 April 2026: SECRETARIES ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR at TAJ CITY CENTER**
- 17 May 2026: DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY at HYATT REGENCY**
- 22 May 2026: RCCSW – CLUB OFFICERS LEARNING SEMINAR**
- 12 June 2026: RCCSW – CLUB ASSEMBLY**
- 26 June 2026: RCCSW – PRESIDENT’S NIGHT**