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Minutes of the RWM 2781 held at the Mahendra Smriti Sabhaghar RC Dumdum on 11.04.25 at 7.00 pm

ADDRESS:

President **Rtn. Sanjib Roy** called the meeting to order, extending a warm welcome to all members.

BEGINNING:

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, led by **PP Rtn. Julie Saha**, at the request of the President.



CLUB BUSINESS:

In the absence of the Honourable Secretary, the President requested Honourable Treasurer **PP Rtn. Swarnendu Sekhar Saha** to conduct the club business. **Rtn. Swarnendu** reported on the following:

a) The receipt of the newsletters 'CHAKA,' 'LIGHT,' and 'SIREN' from RC Calcutta, RC Garden Reach, and RC Budge Budge respectively was announced.

b) He acknowledged and thanked the members who have generously donated for various projects the club has undertaken and informed that the semi-annual dues have been paid by most members, except for nine. He requested the remaining members to complete their payments at the earliest.

c) The President shared that at the last Board Meeting held on April 10th, the board resolved to induct **Rtn. Soumen Ray** and **Dr. Prabhat Ranjan Beuria**, Director of Kolkata Airport, as Honorary members of RC Dumdum in the next RWM.



d) He also announced that the first camp of the Global Grant Project for awareness, detection, and vaccination for cervical cancer, along with the inauguration of the Clean Drinking Water Project for rural communities, PRANDHARA, and distribution of E Rickshaw vans under Helping Grant Project will be conducted on April 22nd in Nadia. The progress of the NIA project will also be reviewed on that day.

e) He informed the members about requests received from VLCC Health

Care Limited and an NGO, Nari Shakti Mahila Samity, for conducting a seminar and seeking financial assistance, respectively. These matters will be discussed in the next Board meeting for consideration.

DISCUSSION:

a) The President requested **Rtn. Sanchita Sarkar** to update the members about next Saturday's *Nabobarsha & Holi* meet.

b) **Rtn. Sanchita** briefed the house on the preparations, which are in full swing. She thanked the members for confirming the participation of 24 persons, including family members, and requested others to confirm their attendance.

c) **Rtn. Piyali Roy Paladhi** suggested that members attend the meet in ethnic Indian attire. She revealed that the cultural program would contain chorus song, followed by Hindi and Bengali songs, along with other renditions and welcomed all to participate wholeheartedly.

ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2779 were circulated via email and WhatsApp. Eleven members attended the meeting. Sunshine contributions were collected through billing. The President concluded the meeting, declaring the postponement of the next RWM to Saturday, April 19th, instead of Friday, and requested all to attend the *Nabobarsha & Holi* meet with family members that evening.

Kerala Rotarians get Padma Bhushan

Rotary News. March 2025

Two Rotarians of RI District 3201, Kerala – Dr Jose Chacko Periappuram of RC Cochin Global and P R Sreejesh of RC Kizhakkambalam received Padma Bhushan Award from the President of India Droupadi Murmu this January.



Sreejesh was the captain and goalkeeper of the national hockey team. Since 2024, he is the head coach of the India men's national U-21 team. He played a vital role in the Indian team's bronze medal wins at the 2020 and 2024 Summer Olympics, and won the best male goalkeeper award at the FIH Awards in 2020, 2022 and 2024. He was a part of the teams that won gold at the 2014 and 2022 Asian Games. He got the Padma Shri in 2019 for his contribution to sports.



Padma Awards 2025



JOSE CHACKO PERIAPPURAM
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A renowned cardiac surgeon and prolific medical writer who has authored several articles

Cardio-thoracic surgeon Dr Periappuram is credited with performing the first successful heart transplant in Kerala, and the first successful heart retransplant in the country. His other achievements include the first beating heart, awake bypass and total arterial revascularisation surgeries in Kerala. He is the founder-chairman of the Heartcare Foundation that sponsors heart treatment for marginal groups across Kerala. He got the Padma Bhushan for 'revolutionising surgical cardiac care in his state.'