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**Minutes of the RWM 2783 held at
the Mahendra Smriti Sabhaghar
RC Dumdum on 25.04.25 at 6.30 pm**

ADDRESS:

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

BEGINNING:

The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, led by **Rtn. Sanchita Sarkar** at the request of the President.

At the onset, one-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to, and in memory of, those who lost their lives on account of the terror attack in Pahalgam in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.



CLUB BUSINESS:

Secretary **Rtn. Chinmay Roy** conducted the club business:

a) Advanced wedding anniversary greetings were conveyed to PP **Rtn. Dr. Saibal Chatterjee** and his partner **Manjulika**, for their anniversary on April 26th. Members joined in the congratulations.

b) The receipt of the newsletters 'METRO VOICE,' 'CHAKA,' and 'LIGHT' from RC Calcutta Metropolitan, RC Calcutta, and RC Garden Reach respectively, was announced.

c) Informed voluntary contribution for the Clean Drinking Water Project for rural communities PRANDHARA of ₹59,000 by 12 members.

d) President informed the acceptance of the proposal from VLCC Healthcare Ltd, and their talk about life style and fitness has been scheduled for the next RWM.

e) Upon request, Treasurer **PP Rtn. Swarnendu Sekhar Saha** rendered due appeals to two members for SAD-I dues by five members for SAD-II dues without any further delay.

DISCUSSION:

a) With the permission of the Chair, **PP Rtn. Asok Guha** informed that **PE Rtn. Sekhar Chatterjee** is not keeping well and taking rest at home. Members wished him a speedy recovery.

b) President informed that **PP Rtn. Dr. Subir Kumar Pramanik** is recovering well and will be rejoining in club activities soon.

c) On request, Director Service Project **PP Rtn. Rupankar Sengupta** reported successful programmes held on April 22nd. Attended by himself along with **IPP Rtn. Tarun Kumar Biswas**, President **Rtn. Sanjib**, **PP Rtn. Dr. Asoke Das**, **PP Rtn. Swarnendu**, **Rtn. Amitava Sarkar** and **Rtn. Sanchita Sarkar**.

i) first vaccination camp under the Global Grant Project for awareness, detection, and vaccination for

cervical cancer at Gangnapur Girls School, Nadia, where 57 students were vaccinated.



ii) Distribution of E Rickshaw vans under Helping Grant Project to five beneficiaries at Anishmali, Nadia.



iii) inauguration of the Clean Drinking Water Project for rural communities, PRANDHARA,



d) PP Rtn. Swapan Ganguli invited all the members to join sacred 'NAM YAGNA' on April 29th. and 30th. at Kripa Bhavan, Street no. 15, EP Block, Sector V, Saltlake.

Rotarians on a quest for an Indo-Pak Peace Park

Rotary News, Dec 2021, Rasheeda Bhagat



From L: IPPS vice-president Md. Ayyaz, DGE Pawan Agarwal (RID 3110), PDG Tony Sharma (RID 1130, UK) and IPPS director Rajeev Sabharwal.

land for this park. But we've also been told that what we're trying to achieve is a breath of fresh air in a region poisoned by mistrust and antagonism. We've been told that it is time someone or some group takes on this challenge and people also said they wish this had been dreamt of decades ago."

Features of a Peace Park

- ☯ An oasis of serenity where people can celebrate humanity
- ☯ A place where people are free to share culture, food, music dance, art, architecture, tradition and sports, with others
- ☯ Where educational opportunities are available in a garden setting
- ☯ Scholars and peace fellows from the two countries, with their classmates from across the world, can work and learn together to encourage the entire world to live in peace and harmony.

PDG Pol added that he was also the director in another international peace park — the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park on the US and Canada border, which was established in 1932 by dedicated Rotarians, who lobbied hard with the governments of the two countries to turn this dream into a reality. "This was almost 90 years ago, and every year since then Rotarians celebrate this through a fellowship assembly. There are three other cross-border parks along the 8,900km border.

Addressing the webinar, RID 3110 DG Mukesh Singhal hoped that this meeting would make some progress in reducing "the bitterness between our two countries". Vested interests, particularly the arms lobby and arms dealers across the world, do not want peace anywhere in the world, as their motive is business and profit. But Rotarians, if they will it, can work towards convincing the governments of both the countries that development and rozi-roti issues should take priority. "Let us bring smiles on the faces of people," he added. Let Rotarians ensure that not politics, but only service matters.

[Part]

In the fourth week of October, barriers came tumbling down between India and Pakistan when members of six Rotary clubs, three from India — RCs Kashipur Corbett, Kashipur and Aligarh — and three from Pakistan — RCs Lahore Garrison, Karachi Garden and Bhubhar Chakwal — organised a zoom fellowship meet to foster peace between the two neighbours.

"There were over 170 participants in this meeting of both minds and hearts," said Anil Ghai, from RC Kashipur Corbett, one of the coordinators of this meet. This meeting was one of the first of several such meetings to be organised by the Indus Peace Park Society (IPPS) which was conceived in 2015 and has 18 directors from countries such as the US, Canada, UK, Africa, India and Pakistan. "We comprise Rotarians with a passion for peace, and through Rotary clubs, are looking for more such Rotarians to join us," he adds.

The forum is headed by PDG Kees van der Pol, RC Nakusp, RID 5080, Canada, and the whole idea was conceived by him when he led a friendship exchange programme to Pakistan in Feb 2015. Addressing the meet, he said he was a school headmaster and had discovered "extraordinary opportunities in Rotary to develop friendships across the world to do good."

He said that Rotary fellowship "over those six years has expanded my family to include brothers and sisters in both Pakistan and India. We've been told that creating an oasis of peace on the border between the two countries will never happen and we will never get the two governments of India and Pakistan to agree to give

Jai Ma

Join us in the serene and sacred moments of
Nam Yagna.

Your presence would be a true blessing.

29th April 2025 - Tue
05:30 pm to 08:30 pm
Hanuman Chalisa & Adhibash

30th April 2025 - Wed
05:00 am to 05:00 pm
Harekrishna Nam
Matripuja
Bhog & Kunjobhongo

Kripa Bhavan
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ENDING:

The minutes of RWM 2783, circulated via email and WhatsApp, confirmed by 14 attending members. Sunshine contributions were collected through billing. The President concluded the meeting, wishing to see all the members in the next RWM on Friday May the 2nd.

Mario Cesar Martins
do Carmo
(R) President 2025

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District 3291

**DISTRICT TRAINING
ASSEMBLY, 2025**

Dr. Ramendu
Homchoudhuri
District Governor 2025 (R) 3291

Lead Host Club :

Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta

Date & Time:

Sunday

25

May

2025

09:00 AM
to
05:00 PM

Location:

Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium

1, Thackeray Rd, Allpore Police Line,
Allpore, Kolkata - 700 027

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Cash at Five Designated Centre
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(Online Payments) Cash Payment

**Registration
Fee: Rs. 2,450/-
PER PARTICIPANT**

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