

# Utkraman

## Weekly Bulletin



### Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro South, R.I. Dist. 3291

18th January, 2025 Meetings: Commune, 7B, Chowringhee Terrace, Saturdays 3.30 p.m. Vol.:33 - No.8

### January Vocational Service Month

**Utkraman welcomes AG Rtn. Ranjan Chatterjee and ZS Rtn. Prasun Krishna Dutta of Zone 13, Rotary District 3291 at the Club Assembly today**

#### RI President's Message, January 2025

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and yes fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible. Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps

our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

**Stephanie A. Urchick**

President 2024-25



**President: Rtn. Debashis De**

**Secretary: Rtn. Snehasish Bhaumik**

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**Minutes of 1270<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro South held on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at The Commune, 7B, Chowringhee Terrace, Kolkata 700 020 from 4:00 pm onwards**

President Debasish De Called the Meeting to order and requested all the members present to rise for National Anthem, which was sung in unison.

- (A) Regarding accounts for the year June 30, 2024, a few documents are pending to close these accounts. Rtn Anup Guha has been requested to provide the documents by next week
- (B) Regarding CSR funds from M/s B. C. Sen Jewellers, a request for INR 20 lakhs has been submitted to the fund donor. Against advice of M/s B.C.Sen Jewellers, Rtn. Probir Mitra, Rtn. Asit Talukdar and Rtn. Snehasish Bhaumik them on December 24, 2024 and after a fruitful discussion, they have approved our proposal for CSR funds of Rs 20lakh for us to purchase an additional piece of land adjacent to our school at Bamon Mollar Chak. Rtn Asit Talukdar has been requested to submit the required documents to M/s. B.C. Sen, Jewellers to get the fund at an early date.
- (C) Regarding CSR fund from SENCOGOLD, a proposal has been submitted during the week. The donor has confirmed that they will take decision in the next week. Rtn Anup Guha has been requested to get in touch with them and do the needful.
- (D) 50 nos blankets have been distributed to the villagers at Sasanpara on December 26, 2024 and an eye check-up camp was also conducted on the same day with the help of GKB Optical's CSR team VRX.
- (E) AG visit to our club will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at Commune at 16:00 hrs and DG visit of our club will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2025. Venue Casa Broadway near Golpark at 16:00 hrs.

It was announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Commune at 4-00 PM.

There being no other business to discuss, the President terminated the meeting with vote of thanks proposed by Rtn Ashok Lodh.

## Report on School Visit

With the help of CSR grants from M/s. B.C.Sen & Co. Pvt. Ltd the Club has provided 5 (Five) TOTOS to 5 local unemployed youths of Kultali Block. The beneficiaries will transport the school students to and from their homes and in their spare time will use the TOTOS for transporting normal passengers and the surplus earned by them will be returned by them to the Club.

40 Sanitary Toilets were also handed over to 40 villagers in Kultali block, Mathurapur Block & Canning Block, under the same CSR grant.

On January 17, 2025, Mr. Subir Sen, MD of M/s. B.C.Sen & Co. Pvt. Ltd & his senior executives handed over the TOTOS and the toilets to the beneficiaries at our School premises at Bamon Mollar Chak and in nearby areas.

Prizes for academic excellence and excellence in sports and games were also handed over to the deserving students on the same day.

President Rtn. Debashis De, Past Presidents Rtn.Kumar Shankar Datta, Rtn. Asit Kumar Talukdar and Rtn. Anup Kumar Guha were present on the occasion. age 2 Column 1



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