

## 35<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The 35<sup>th</sup> Installation Ceremony was held at the Veedol Hall of Tollygunge Club on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July at 12.30pm. It was well attended by District officials, Inner City members and their spouses. It was a grand success.



***MINUTES OF THE 1637<sup>TH</sup> RWM AND 35<sup>TH</sup> INSTALLATION MEETING  
HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 AT VEEDOL HALL, TOLLYGUNGE CLUB***

1. The 35<sup>th</sup> Installation Meeting and RWM No. 1637 called to order by President Tunir Chakraborty;
2. National Anthem is led by Rtn. Vivek Dutta;
3. Invocation song is by Rtn. Vivek Dutta & Rtn Sarvani Gooptu;
4. DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhury & DG Nominee Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury, PDG Rtn. Nayantara PalChowdhury and other District officials are felicitated by Inner City members.
5. The outgoing President Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty & outgoing Secretary Rtn. Amita Saha are felicitated by the incoming President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul & Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee respectively.
6. President Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty welcomes all District officials, Members, and guests and gives his concluding speech, highlighting the activities of the previous year 2024-25. The club successfully executed 46 projects including innovative ones like co-sponsoring a Transgender event, supporting the women and children of red-light district of Kolkata and providing a water storage tank for a drug rehabilitation center in Howrah, in addition to projects in education, health, water & sanitation and old age support. The club's membership grew 10% with the addition of 5 new members during the year.
7. President Rtn. Tunir passes on the baton to Incoming President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul by handing over the collar, hammer, gravel and the Charter in presence of DG & DGN and other District officials and members, and the Outgoing President Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty and Secretary Rtn. Amita Saha exchange seats with the Incoming President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul and Secretary Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee.
8. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul introduces his Board of Directors, and a group photo is taken.
9. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul is introduced by Rtn. Chandrani Chakraborty, the Installation Chair. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul delivers his acceptance speech and apprises about the upcoming projects during the ensuing year. His focus areas are prevention and treatment of Thalassemia, for which two projects had already been successfully executed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and cervical cancer in addition to the other focus areas of Inner City like water, education & sanitation etc. This is followed by an AV presentation by the President.
10. DGN, Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury addresses the audience recalling deep attachment and his long association with RCC Inner City, both as the sponsor for the Club as well as the son of the Club's PP Rtn. Bani Roychowdhury. He highlights the relevance of membership & fellowship and about keeping the Rotary relevant to today's needs and environment.
11. President Rtn. Dr. Amit invites DG Rtn. Ramendu Homchowdhury for release of the Souvenir prepared by Rtn. Soumeta Medhora for the occasion of the 35<sup>th</sup> Installation program. Souvenir is released officially by DG.
12. Mrs. Swapna Arya is inducted as a new member in RCC Inner City. She is introduced by her proposer, Rtn. Amita Saha.
13. DG, Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhury congratulates President Rtn. Tunir Chakraborty and his team for an excellent year both in terms of the number of projects undertaken, for

innovation and the increase in the number of members during his tenure. He re-emphasizes the importance of enhancing memberships to rotary, by 8-10 members per club. He speaks about the importance of health and the protection of the environment, through the planting of trees. The DG refers at length to the importance of the prevention and management of Thalassemia right from inception and urged all to work together for improvement in these areas.

14. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul hands over a cheque for \$ 500, and Inner City members Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharjee, Rtn. Orijit Chatterjee, Rtn. Subir Khasnobis and Rtn. Pronobendra Moitra hand over cheques of \$ 100 each to the DG towards TRF contribution.
15. Installation Chair Rtn. Chandrani Chakraborty is felicitated by President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul.
16. Secretary, Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee conducts club business by announcing the birthdays and anniversaries of members/spouses in July 2025.
17. Rtn. Amita Saha delivers the vote of thanks.
18. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul announces the next date of meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at Calcutta Club and declares the meeting adjourned.
19. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul reports an attendance of 37 members and 9 District officials, 1 Rotarian from Rotary Club of Calcutta and 16 guests. The sunshine collection is Rs. 2000/-.
20. President Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul sends greetings to RI President's club Rotary Club of Ragusa and to the Rotary Club of Sun City.



The only way to achieve true success is to express yourself completely in service to society.

~ Aristotle

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On 7th July 2025 we inaugurated newly upgraded toilet facilities and filtered drinking water stations at Nabadwip Roy Smriti Prathamik Vidyalaya located at Paikpara Kolkata. It's joint project of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, "Bees Trees Water" and Hope Foundation.





On 18th July Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City in association with Rotary Club of Howrah and All India Women Conference conducted one Eye Testing Camp for Mother and Child patients at Sishu Mahal C/o Harijan Sevak Sangh, 122/1, Naskar Para Road, Ghusuri, Howrah-711107.

Total 81 patients have been tested by President Dr Amit Paul supported by First Lady Sutapa & members of Rotary Club of Howrah and AIWC.



## **Here is an interesting article by article by Rtn Subhasis Ghosh associating Ma Kali with Rolling Stones**

Here are some interesting factoids around Ma Kali. Origins of Ma Kali Sanatan Dharma is believed to be the oldest religion in the world. It also has the 3rd largest number of followers. One reason for the popularity of Sanatan Dharma has been its ability to accept and assimilate the beliefs of others. By doing so, it has kept itself relevant for over 4000 years. The induction of Ma Kali into Sanatan Dharma is an example of the same.

According to scholars, Kali's origins can be traced to the deities of the Pre-Vedic village, tribal, and mountain cultures of South Asia who were gradually absorbed into Sanatan Dharma. Ma Kali is mentioned quite late in its literature. The first major appearance of Kali in Sanskrit writings was in the 6th century CE text called Devi Mahatmya, a part of the Markandeya Purana. It is the same text where we read about Ma Durga for the first time. Ma Kali appears in numerous stories, with her most famous being when she sprang from Devi Durga's fury to defeat the asura, Raktabija.

The metropolis of Kolkata was built around three villages of Govindapur, Sutanuti and Kalikata. Kalikata means the "land of Kali". The most defining, pre-British, feature of present-day Kolkata is the Kali Mandir at Kalighat, in South Kolkata. This is one of the 51 Shakti Pithas in the country. Kalighat was originally called Kali-Kshetra, which is widely accepted as the origin for the word Kalikata, and in turn, the anglicised Calcutta or Bangla, Kolkata. It is for this reason that most historians believe that the city is named after Ma Kali. Indeed, one of the most common salutations to the Devi, particularly among people of Bihar and UP who have been in the city for generations, is "Jai Ma Kali, Kalkattewali" or "Hail Ma Kali of Kolkata".

The logo of Rolling Stones

The Rolling Stones are an English rock band formed in London in 1962. Active for over six decades, they are one of the most popular and enduring bands of the rock era. For their European tour in 1970, they required a logo. In the words of their most famous band member, Mick Jagger, "My brother (Chris) was an early traveller to India. He would give me some books to read. In 1969, I was looking for an image that would be an eye-grabbing thing, and I saw this image of a disembodied tongue of Kali. I thought it would be an inspiration. Then, designer John Pasche created this modernistic version of the tongue logo." Appearing on posters, t-shirts, concerts, it must without doubt be one of the most universally recognisable and enduring logos in rock music, or even branding history. It has stood the test of time for over 50 years. After all, "Kali" is derived from "Kala" or time. Kali is "she who is the ruler of time".



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## **An article by Rtn. Soumeta Medhora on different kinds of bonding**

The word itself conjures an image in our minds; a bonding between a little child with her parents. However, in the course of this article I wish to deviate from the normal and dwell on different levels of bonding.

At the outset, what do we understand by the word itself? It is the establishment of a relationship or link with someone based on shared feelings, interests, or the action of joining things securely by means of adhesive, heat, or pressure or by chemical bonds.

For us, professionals working in the field of adoption, the first instance of bonding is the break. The break in the bond between a biological family and a child who comes into our care. The heartbreaking stories of torture, of willful abandonment, of violence in the hands of kinship care makes one wonder why the frustrations of a difficult life are used as displaced anger towards an innocent child. It is because adults frequently feel that they can get away easily after hurting the soft minds of a child emotionally. Physical abuse is easy to spot and report, it is the emotional trauma of these little ones that we struggle to wipe out. In their short lifespan they have had their trusts broken, their physicals beings thrown away and abandoned and we as, social workers are trying to help them pick up the threads of their life.

The older the child the more traumatic the situation. We have to help the child regain the trust with their fellow beings when a person closest to them is suddenly absent. The emotional impact on the child is immense. While no social worker will denounce the biological family, but we will use all the tools in our hand to help the little one cope. To help rebuild trust, to help cope with loss and in turn and with time help the child to dream about a future. Thus, we cope with providing care, protection and emotional stability to a child. We, the social workers, are rewarded at almost every step with a smile or a hug or a little sharing; bearing in mind that this will eventually break as the child either goes to an adoptive family or to another home. The child does not understand temporary care; she lives for the present and expects the situation to last forever.

The next phase is the most beautiful phase of parental bonding with the children. At the outset, let us first remember that the child is learning to leave behind a place of trust and care in the childrens home. We have helped them develop this trust and we now encourage the child to welcome a new atmosphere. The child does not dare to think of tomorrow; all she knows is that she is being removed from today which has developed in a warm and comfortable home with many peers.

To put it in a nutshell, every aspect of the adoption journey is about different aspects of love and different aspects of bonding. Thus, we end this piece with our definition of the second part of the meaning; bonding is the action of joining people securely by means of love, understanding the legal bond of adoption.



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## Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

### Our Warmest Anniversary Greetings

26<sup>th</sup> July Rtn. Dr. Vivek and Alakananda Datta

### Our Heartfelt Birthday Greetings

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Rtn Orijit Chatterjee

31<sup>st</sup> July – Rtn Bikramjit Ghosh

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY PROJECT THEME; AUGUST 2025  
ENVIRONMENT

27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

HILSA LUNCH AT BREATHING EARTH AT USTHI

8<sup>th</sup> August 2025

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED BY DINNER  
AT LAKE CLUB BY PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY

## Editors Note .....

Dear Members,

Greetings ! I take this opportunity to thank everyone in supporting me in this new role. It is with your support and guidance that I hope to reach out to everyone of you through Inner Voice.

I would welcome articles from members in the following segments:

1. Noteworthy achievements of members and family.
2. Articles from members sharing their experiences on varied subjects
3. Travellogur with pictures
4. Poems
5. Anything interesting that members wish to share

In this second issue of the year we have received an interesting article from Rtn Subhasis Ghosh. It makes interesting reading.

I have also taken the liberty of writing an article on the important human emotion called bonding and how it is related to the work that I do.

Happy reading.....Soumeta Medhora