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MINUTES OF THE 1360th RWM HELD ON 28th MARCH , 2025 AT CALCUTTA CLUB, KOLKATA

1. President Rtn. Tunir Chakravarti calls the 1360th RWM to order and requests all members to rise for the National Anthem led by Rtn. Rosy Sen.
2. Minutes of the 1359th meeting is confirmed. Inner Voice also circulated.
3. President welcomes PDG Rajani Mukherjee to the club. He also welcomes Mr. Anirban Banerjee who is present as a guest and has already attended previous meetings and introduced himself.
4. LOA is granted to Rtn. Noshir Framjee, Rtn Debasish Datta, Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee, Rtn. Subhasis Ghosh, Rtn. Navarun Sen and Rtn. Anindya Pal Chaudhury.
5. President announces an upcoming project on 31st March 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 6.00 pm on 'Celebrating International Transgender Day of Visibility'. This program will be organized by Gokhale Road Bandhan and Association of Transgender, Hijra in Bengal in collaboration with our Club. On the guest list will be Dr. Ranjita Sinha, Ph.D. (Oxford), a transgender herself and Director of the Institute, Smt. Rupa Ganguly, Smt. Agnimitra Pal, Shri Shanti Das Basak, etc. There will be Community Recognition Awards and a panel discussion on 'Empowering visibility strength in every story'. President requests members to join.
6. President once again requests all members to be present for the following important events:
 - i) 4th April – RWM and visit of our Assistant Governor, Rtn. Vikram Tantiya at 6.30 pm at Ahuja Art Museum, Lee Road
 - ii) 26th April – RWM and visit of our District Governor, Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta at 12 noon at Calcutta Club
7. President requests all members to register by logging in to My Rotary and Rotary India websites, for which assistance will be provided by Secretary.

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8. President invites PDG Rajani Mukherjee to share his wisdom with the members. At first, he is felicitated by PP Rtn. Bani Roychoudhury with an utorio and memento. Then he addresses us. He greets the members and gives a very illuminating address. The main points of his talk are:

- i) Even after 120 years, Rotary is facing a huge challenge of attrition of members. In the last 7 years, Rotary has lost 1.2 million members worldwide. One of the main reason for this is lack of personal touch as Rtn. Banashree Mitra rightly points out.
- ii) Rotary Leadership responsibility, therefore, is to ensure –
 - a. Flexibility – rigidity is pushing members back.
 - b. Member engagement – form a Committee and give them the task to “Know your Member” because expectations of the members have to be met, and their skills have to be used for fulfilling the goals of Rotary. Maximum attrition is in the first 2 years of joining.
 - c. Continuity – come out of the ‘My Year’ syndrome. Work of Rotary should continue, and this is where the Strategic Planning Committee comes into play. RI recommends that all Chairs should be appointed for 3 years so that there is continuity in the work. He cites the example of Rotary Club of Purulia who are doing great work through their Eye Hospital.
- ii) Rotary has a vision statement (2017), which is:
‘Together we seek a work where people unite to take action to create a lasting change’

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- ii) Rotary also has Action (Strategic) Plan 2019 (upto 2029) –
 - **How to increase impact**
 - **How to expand our reach**
 - **How to expand participant engagement**
 - **How to increase ability to adapt**
 - ii) PDG Mukherjee, in conclusion, advises everyone to do projects which will create lasting changes in the community and more importantly, in ourselves!
 - iii) President informs PDG Mukherjee that our club is doing such projects that will have lasting impact like a school in Hingalganj in Sunderbans, toilet and tubewell projects in and around Kolkata and adjoining districts, cervical cancer vaccination of children of sex workers, medicines to Thalassemia patients, etc. PDG appreciates our efforts.
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- 9. Secretary conducts Club business.
 - 10. 19 members, 2 guests are present.
 - 11. The sunshine collection is Rs. 800.
 - 12. The meeting ends with thanks to all members present and greetings to Rotary Club of Mideast.

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Date: 06.04.25
Time: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM
Registration: Rs 1200
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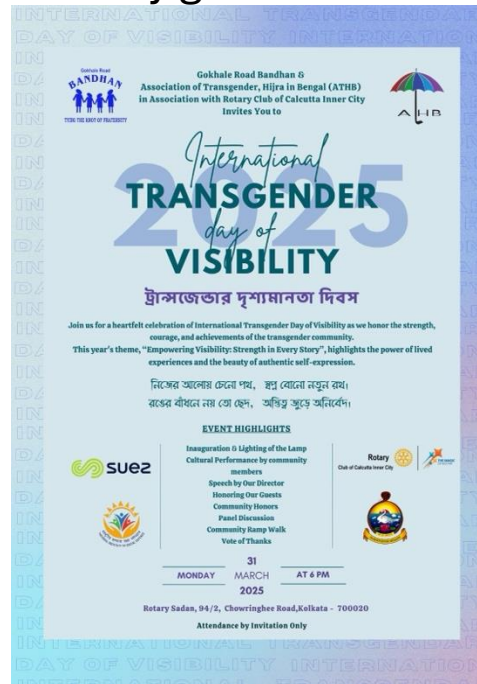
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A Leadership Programme for Rotarians

PROJECTS

- International Transgender Day of visibility was celebrated on 31st March 2025 at Rotary Sadan by Gokhale Road Bandhan & Association of Transgender Hijra in Bengal in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Innercity. It was an enlightening program in presence of illustrious personalities like Rupa Ganguli, Agnimitra Pal, Swamiji from Ramkrishna Sarada Mission, Shri Shanti Das Basak, etc. Dr. Ranjita Sinha, PhD(Oxford), a transgender herself and Director of the Institute conducted a panel discussion on 'Empowering Visibility Strength in every story'. She also spoke about her untiring propaganda for acquiring Human Rights of the transgender community and getting recognition of the society. About 10 Innercity members were present. President Tunir gave a very good and relevant speech.



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International Transgender Day at Rotary Sadan 31st March by Gokhale Road Bandhan and Association of Transgenders in Bengal in association with Rotary Club of Inner City



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- Swapnapuron Shiksha. Niketan is one of the schools run by Katakhalī Swapnapuron Welfare Society in the remote location of Hingalganj in 24 Parganas North with an aim to improve the lives of children living in remote villages and islands of the Sunderbans. This project has been undertaken by Innercity in association with Bees Trees and Water for construction of 1st Floor of Main Building (extension), Dining Hall and Teachers' Quarters. The first phase of the project has been completed, and the last/final phase will be completed very soon.

Swapnapuran construction progress and students of the school performing at Eastern Metropolitan Club



Birthdays and Anniversaries in April 2025

<i>Sanjib Ghosh</i>	<i>22nd</i>	
<i>Sujata & Kaushik Banerjee</i>		<i>22nd</i>
<i>Sutapa & Amit Paul</i>		<i>23rd</i>