

INNER VOICE

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MINUTES OF THE 1362nd RWM & CLUB ASSEMBLY WITH DG VISIT HELD ON 26TH APRIL, 2025 AT CALCUTTA CLUB

1. Rtn. Tunir Chakravarti, President welcomes all to Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City.
2. President calls the 1362nd RWM to order and requests all members to rise for the National Anthem.
3. President bids warm welcome to District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, District officials, Interact School Bidya Bharati and RCC Members from Deara and Ranjapur.
4. DG and District officials present are felicitated by presentation of *uttorio* and memento by Inner City Members.
5. Minutes of the 1361st meeting is confirmed. Inner Voice also circulated.
6. LOA is granted to Rtn. Debasish Dutta, Rtn. Bikramjit Ghosh, Rtn. Saroj Bansal, Rtn. Rajesh Balasubhramaniam, Rtn. Vikram Swaroop, Rtn. Sudhir Ahuja, Rtn. Rahul Johri, Rtn. Kaushik Ganguli, Rtn. P K Mukherjee and Rtn. Anindya Pal Chaudhury.
7. President reports on visit to Ved Vigyan Maha Vidyapeeth, Geeta Bhawan, Unsani, Howrah on 6th April, 2025. It is a 100 bedded drug addict rehabilitation facility. Our club donated a water storage tank to them.
8. President announces upcoming projects –
 - a. An awareness program with Transgenders and IGNOU so that they can be enrolled in various courses of IGNOU.
 - b. Indoor sports program with the inmates of the same drug rehabilitation centre.
9. 3 new members, Mr. Pronobendra Nath Moitra, Mr. Anirban Banerjee and Mr. Suwendu Chunder are inducted in the club. DG and his team welcome and pin the new members along with their spouses.
10. Interact Club presents a song – *anondo lok a.....*

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11. Thereafter, President and Vice President of Bidya Bharati School give their addresses.
12. DG gives away the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to the winners of Essay Competition on 'Peace & Conflict Resolution' held in Bidya Bharati School. Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu and Rtn. Brinda Mukherjee were the assessors.
13. DG inaugurates a toilet project at Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho, Bishnupur, 24 Parganas(S) virtually.
14. President requests all members to be present for the next RWM on 3rd May, 2025 which will be a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta at Rotary Sadan at 6.30 pm. This will be followed by a friendly debate on "Marriage is for convenience, not love" by the Rotary Club of Calcutta and Inner City and moderated by Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu and thereafter, cocktail dinner.
15. Secretary conducts club business.
16. Members present 24, District officials 7, Interact club 7 and 12 guests.
17. The Sunshine Box Collection is Rs. 1,700/-
18. President concludes the RWM with greetings to Rotary Club of Victoria.
19. Members of RCC and Interact Club proceed for lunch.

Club Assembly

1. President displays an audio-visual presentation on projects undertaken by Inner City till date.
2. President invites the District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta to the top table.
3. President gives his address, highlighting the important projects like Swapnopuron School at Hingalganj, water sanitation & hygiene, support to sex workers and transgenders, Virangana programs, vocational services, etc. He informs that the club has done 26 service projects, 5 vocational service projects and 6 public image initiatives. The club has done 16 regular meetings including 2 joint meetings, 2 club assemblies and 5 fellowships till date. He informs that 6 new members have inducted and 1 member has resigned. Regarding TRF contribution, President assures DG that there may be 7/8 PHFs by the year end.
4. DG welcomes all to the club assembly. At the outset, DG appreciates the support given by the President and all members of Inner City throughout the year. He also congratulates Inner City for the projects done during the Rotary Year. Thereafter, he calls his District officials one by one to share their views:
 - i) Rtn. Vikram Tantia, Asst. Governor says that during the club assembly on 4th instant, he has already reviewed the progress of the club in the last 9 months and he congratulates Inner City for a tremendous year – 36 projects touching most of the 7 focus areas. He also mentions that some out of the box projects like rehabilitation of transgender community, support to the sex workers and their children, big school projects, etc. have been done. Although there has been a growth of 9-10% growth of membership with increase of 5 members net, the club should continue to add more new members. He stressed that contribution to Foundation is an area of concern. Eradication of Polio is another focus area and every club should do something for this. He points out that there has been no contribution from our club to the Polio Plus Fund. He also requests members for larger contribution to the annual fund from our club. Last, he urges all members of the club to register in My Rotary website.
 - ii) Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal, Zonal Secretary appreciates the projects done by the club and advises us to keep up the good work

Club Assembly

- iii. Rtn. K K Jha, District Treasurer touches upon certain aspects of documentation by Inner City. He informs that although all documents have been uploaded, some documents are not in the right places. Documents like club charter, club constitution, budget, audited accounts of the club and Trust, etc. are to be uploaded in the OCV section. He requests for necessary correction.
- iv. Rtn. Ajay Kumar Agarwal, District Secretary Finance thanks Inner City for supporting the District in various ways. He highlights 2 District Projects -Sewing Machine/Cycle Rikshaw Van and Cervical Cancer Vaccination and requests the club to participate in the same.
- v. Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty, District Secretary informs that 10 training programs have been held including 1 for RCC Members. He also urges all members to go through the My Rotary website for information on the wonderful work being done by Rotarians worldwide. He also briefs about the upcoming projects.
 - a) Vinamrata Project on essay writing by students of classes IX & X where they will be given Inland Letters on which they will write and can even be post it in letter box! This is to encourage writing among students.
 - b) Esho Hey Boisakh – a Fellowship program this evening at Urbana Club. Spot registration is open.
 - c) RCC awards function on 30th May at Rotary Sadan
 - d) Annual Interact Club Meet & Awards at Adamas International School on 7th May.
 - e) President Secretary Meet (Samagam III) on 17th & 18th May at Joypur Forest, Bishnupur.
 - f) District Award ceremony will be in August as DG is travelling to Calgary for the Rotary International Conference not only as a delegate but also a panelist in one of the break-away sessions.

DG Address to Inner City Members

v. DG thanked all the District Officials for supporting him throughout the year. In his address, he touched the following points:

- a) *Importance of adapting* – Rotary is constantly adapting to new changes. This year, we have adapted by interacting with transgenders. 2 RCCs have been created only with transgender members.
- b) *Growth* – Rotary is primarily a membership club and not charitable or service organization. Engaged members will automatically bring service. Member engagement is very important. He said that the incoming RI President is focused on Membership growth. He requests Rtn. Amit Paul, President Elect to increase membership. However, retention is equally important. Engage members with club activities to create interest which is important for retention. He advises that new members should be informed about what to expect before induction.
- c) *Sponsor clubs* - Bigger clubs like Inner City should consider sponsoring new club or satellite club. Many types of clubs can be started now.
- d) *Polio Eradication*-Polio has been eradicated 99.9% from face of earth. However, cases have been detected in our neighboring countries and could come to India any day. He urges club member to support the Polio Plus Fund.
- e) *Contribution to Annual Fund* – this money comes back to us as Global Grant. He requests members to contribute some amounts to the Annual Fund.
- f) *Endowment Fund* – This is new concept. If an endowment fund is created with USD 25000 by pooling funds by members of a club, every year the spendable amount will come back for use by the club for **life**. He appeals to Inner City members to think about this seriously.

DG ends by once again appreciating the work done by Inner City and also requests to look into the TRF contribution.

Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharya, Vice President proposes the formal vote of thanks.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May 2025

<i>Date</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>Sukanya Dasgupta</i>	
<i>5th</i>	<i>Rajesh Balasubramaniam</i>	
<i>6th</i>		<i>Rakhee Biswas-Gandhi & Mihir Gandhi</i>
<i>11th</i>		<i>Dr. Pradip & Sarmishta Goswami</i>
<i>22nd</i>		<i>Rosy & Aditya Sen</i>
<i>22nd</i>	<i>Ashish Mitra</i>	
<i>23rd</i>	<i>Dr. Debasis Dutta</i>	

DG & District Officials Visit

26th April 2025, Calcutta Club

Felicitation of District Governor & District Officials



Felicitation of District Officials and their addressing the member of Inner City



Pinning New Members



Audio Visual Presentation of Inner City's Accomplishments 2024-2025



DG & District Officials Visit and post Assembly Lunch



DG & District Officials Visit



- Virtual Inauguration of a Public Toilet for Community #195 for Bishnupur families by the DG- gifted by the Williams Family Bees Trees and Water and the Inner City in memory of Geetha Venkadakrishnan
- Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharya



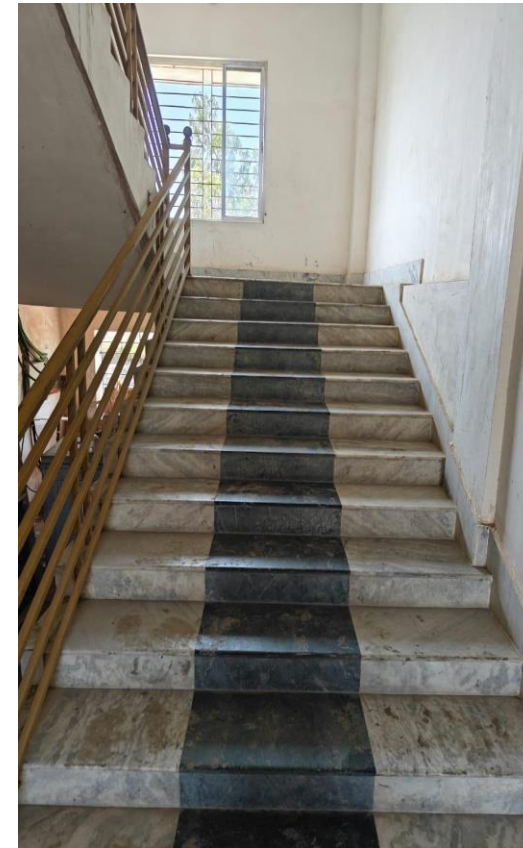
A Musical Performance by the students of Interact Club of Bidya Bharati School and the presentation of the Best Essays' prizes to the Teachers by the Judges Rtns. Pradeep Gooptu and Brinda Mukherjee



Project Swapnapuran update – President Tunir, Secretary Amita and PP Rtn. Navarun visited the Project on 1-05-2025



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Upcoming Events

- 3rd May - Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta, 1362 RWM and Debate followed by Fellowship and Dinner - venue Rotary Sadan
- 17th May – Fellowship Hosted by Rtn. Rosy Sen 7.30 pm – Silver Bloom 2nd Floor Hotel Senses DN 26 Sector 5 Salt Lake Kolkata 91
- 25th May – District Training Assembly 9 am to 5 pm – Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium, 1 Thackery Rd, Alipore Police Line, Alipore Kolkata 27 organized by the Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta.