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Minutes of 1358th RWM held on 1st March 2025 at the Ahuja Museum of Arts , Lee Road, Kolkata

1. President Rtn. Tunir Chakravarti calls the 1358th RWM to order and requests all members to rise for the National Anthem led by Rtn. Vivek Dutta and Rt. Rosy Sen.
2. Minutes of the 1357th meeting is confirmed. Inner Voice also circulated.
3. Mr. Anirban Banerjee and Mr. Suwendu Chunder are present as guests. Mr. Banerjee introduces himself. He says his association with Rotary goes back 35 years as his father was a Rotarian. For Mr. Chandra, this is the second meeting.
4. LOA is granted to Rtn. Noshir Framjee, Rtn Bani Roy Chowdhury, Rtn Debasish Dutta, Rtn. Amit Paul, Rtn. Navarun Sen, Rtn. Subir Khasnobis, Rtn. Nilanjan Basu, Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharjee, Rtn. Mekhla Choudhury and Rtn. Kaushik Banerjee.
5. President informs that cervical cancer vaccination camp was held at Bowbazar red light area where 10 girl children of sex workers were administered the vaccine. Also, a Business Summit was held on 27th February in association with News Bangla 18 where Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu conducted a session and Rtn. Mahesh Keyal was awarded a prize.
6. President announces the upcoming programs/projects:
 - i) On 7th March, 2025, a program on distribution of Thalassemia medicine viz. 'Kelfer' tablets to 50 patients will be held at the Thalassemia Hospital, Howrah. Chairman, Howrah Municipal Hospital Mr. Sujoy Chakraborty will be present.
 - ii) On 28th March, 2025 a program with Rtn. Angshuman Banerjee has been planned, especially for new members, who will come to know about Rotary. The date will be confirmed shortly.
1. President announces two very important events –
 - a) On 4th April, Assistant Governor will visit, and Club Assembly will be held at 6.30 pm at Ahuja Art Museum, Lee Road. All members are requested to attend.
 - b) On 26th April, District Governor will visit. All members to attend at 12 noon at Calcutta Club.

1. 2 new members, viz. Ms. Soumeta Medhora and Mr. Subhasis Ghosh are inducted by PDG Nayantara Pal Choudhury presenting the Rotary Pin and brochure. They are welcomed by all members.
2. President announces that we are celebrating Internal Women's Day and for this occasion, we have invited two eminent ladies, Rtn. Alokanda Roy and Rtn. Dr. Sarbani Gooptu to speak on Women Empowerment. Rtn. Alokanda is felicitated by Rtn. Amitava Ghose and Rtn. Sarbani is felicitated by Rtn. Banashree Mitra with 'Uttorio' and memento.
 - a) Rtn. Alokanda addresses the gathering. She begins by thanking the club for inviting her and says that she does not believe in gender; rather she would wait for the day when we celebrate International Humanity Day because women are already empowered right from the day they are born! She herself has been a Mother Figure in her area of work in the Correctional Homes and seen more than 200 girls and boys being released, who have not gone back to the dark world, which is commendable. She concludes by saying that that is her achievement as an empowered woman.
 - b) Rtn. Sarbani, a historian, stated that to her, women empowerment is a process, to be achieved over many years. She gave examples of women like Binodini Dasi and Tara Sundori who came into Bengali theatre at a time when they were not accepted and ostracized by society and how, with training by eminent theatre personalities like Girish Chandra Ghosh, Ardhendu Sekhar Mustafi, Amrita Lal Ghosh and of course, their own struggle for survival, could emerge as empowered women and achieve success. She concludes by saying that there are many routes to empowerment, and this is one of them.
 - c) Rtn. Kaushik Ganguli proposes the vote of thanks.
3. Secretary conducts Club business.
4. 14 members, 4 guests are present.
5. The sunshine collection is Rs. 750.
6. The meeting ends with thanks to all members present and especially to Rtn. Sudhir Ahuja for the artistic venue with exotic paintings on the theme of Women Empowerment.

Key Events between 28th February and 10th March 2025

- The 1358th RWM was conducted in a special manner at the Ahuja Museum of Arts hosted in absentia by Rtn. Sudhir Ahuja.
- RWM on the 1st of March 2025, during which Rotarians Soumeta Medhora & Subhasis Ghosh were pinned by PDG Rtn. Nayantara Pal Chowdhury.
- Rtn. Alokanda Roy and Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu addressed the gathering on Women's empowerment, which were extremely well received.
- Leadership conclave was held on 27th February. The event was managed by PP Ronit Mitra. President Tunir was a panelist at the Conclave.
- Two extremely meaningful projects were conducted on the 7th and 8th of March
- Next RWM is on the 13th at 6.30 pm at Calcutta Club followed by dinner. PP Navarun Sen will make a presentation on Cyber Security, followed by songs to by members to celebrate Holi.

PROJECTS

7th March 2025:

distribution of medicines (Kelfer tablets) to 50 Thalassemia patients at Dr Sitalchandra Ghosh Laboratory and Thalassemia centre 50 Panchanantala Road Howrah . Dr Sujoy Chakraborty Chairman Howrah Municipal corporation was the chief guest. President Tunir Chakravorti, Rtn. Amit Paul and Mrs. Sutapa Paul were present for the distribution.

8th March 2025:

Rtn. Saroj Bansal sponsored the vaccination of 10 children of sex workers with the 1st dose of Cervical cancer vaccine at Bowbazar Red light area. President Tunir Chakravorti, Rtn. Anjali Aneja and Guest Suvendu Chunder attended the Program.

The Swapnapuran Project continues to progress at a robust pace and the expected commencement should be end March – beginning April.

Leadership Conclave



And speaking of Leaders...



March
Women's Day

On the occasion of Women's Day, we celebrate the inspiring leadership of Ms. Nayantara Palchoudhuri, Chairperson of the Tea Research Association, whose unwavering commitment has strengthened tea research and innovation. Her visionary guidance continues to drive the tea industry forward, fostering sustainability and excellence in one of India's most vital sectors.

1st March RWM, Rtn. Kaushik Ganguli addressing the gathering, and addresses by Rtn. Alokanda Roy and Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu. Rtn. Alokanda being felicitated by Rtn. Amitava Ghosh and Rtn. Sarvani being felicitated by Rtn. Banashree Mitra



- Rtn. Subhasis Ghosh and Rtn. Soumeta Medhora being pinned by PDG Rtn. Nayantara Palchoudhuri.

- A photo of elegance and grace



Distribution of Kelfer Tablets to 50 children suffering from Thalassemia at Dr Sitalchandra Ghosh Laboratory and Thalassemia centre – President Tunir Chakravarti, Rtn. Amit Paul & Mrs. Sutapa Paul



Vaccination of 10 children of sex workers with the 1st dose of Cervical cancer vaccine sponsored by Rtn. Saroj Bansal at Bowbazar Red light area on International Women's Day. Present were President Tunir Chakravarti, Rtn. Anjali Aneja and & Suvendu Chunder



Swapnapuran Update



Katakhalī
Swapnapuron
Welfare Society

**ANNUAL
GREET & MEET
2025**

22nd March,
10:30am - 2:00pm

Followed by Lunch



Birthdays

Pradeep Goptu	10th March
Mahesh Kayal	10 th March
Alokananda Roy	25 th March

Interestingly no Anniversaries

Many Happy Returns of the Day!