NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INNER CITY

ISSUE: 29. 24 President: Rtn. Geeta Venkadakrishnan | Secretary: Rtn. Yvonne D'Silva | Friday 21st February2020

1274 th RWM on Friday 21st February 2020

Speaker: Members giving update happenings on about the Rotary centennial summit held 14th February 2020 to

16th February 2020

Venue: Calcutta Club, AC Pavilion Time 1:00pm

Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City held its RWM 1272 and 1273 Meeting held on 31st Janaury2020 and 7th February 2020, time 1 Pm at the AC Pavilion, Calcutta Club and 17th January 2020 at Hope Café 5/2L Panditya Road Calcutta 29 at 1:00pm and at Calcutta Club.



Our visitor to the project Mr Spicer Khakoo & Spouse Ms Andie Khakoo Founder of Bees Trees water



Speaker Ms Soumi Gupta

Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st January 2020 & 7th February 2020

- 1. President Geeta Venkadakrishnan took the chair at 1:00pm
- 2. National anthem was sung led by Rtn. Rosy Sen.
- 3.LOA was granted to some members.
- 4. Minutes of 1272 and 1273 was confirmed.

5.President Geeta welcomed the members for the Regular Weekly meeting and Speaker Ms Soumi Gupta who motivated on different aspects by speaking on Emotional Quotient vs Intelligent Quotient.

President Geeta informed the members that the donor Mr Spicer Khakoo & Spouse Ms Andie Khakoo Founder of Bees Trees Water Foundation is interested to partner with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner-City in projects on water and sanitation. He also said he would like to be member of the club. The members welcomed and said that he can be partner to our club in projects.

Knowledge Know How Quiz 2020 presented held on 5th February 2020 by Hope Kolkata Foundation in collaboration with Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur and organized by HSBC and supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City with Interact club was a great success!

We are really thankful to Principal of Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur, and Rtn. Proma Lahiri, the teachers and students of the school, the entire team of HSBC without whom the event wouldn't have been possible, The Irish students and their respected leaders, our children from Hope and Rtn Ms. Geeta Venkadakrishnan, to conduct the event through Interact club.

The children had a great time participating in the quiz and what was great to witness was the unity between the students of Calcutta Public School, Hope and Irish students, as they answered every question asked with so much of enthusiasm.









Rtn Ashish Mitra inducted as member,



A Step towards an Independent Life

Kolkata, 10th February 2020: Hope Kolkata Foundation along with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City organized Rozgar II, a special program with the aim to livelihood strengthen people's for sustainable economic and community development at Amar Deep Sangh, Sodepur, Kalitala. This noble initiative was supported by Century Ply in the esteemed presence of Rtn. Ajay Agarwal, District Governor and Ms. Geeta Venkadakrishnan, Director, Hope Kolkata Foundation. The occasion was graced by several other dignitaries, Mr. Navarun Sen, President, Panel Business, and Mr. Sandip Kar, CSR and Admin. At the programme fifteen beneficiaries from different sections of the society like rag pickers, maid servants and flower sellers among which eight were women and seven men, were given cycle vans to generate greater income and bring about positive change in their livelihood





Media Coverage

দুঃস্থদের জন্য আয়ের দিশা দেখাল হোপ কলকাতা ফাউন্ডেশনের রোজগার ২

স্টাফ রিপোর্টার: দঃস্থদের রোজগারের পথ দেখাতে কলকাতা হোপ উদ্যোগ. ফাউন্ডেশনের

রোজগার ২। সহযোগিতায় রোটারি ক্লাব অফ কলকাতা। সেঞ্চরি প্লাই। কালীতলায় অমরদ্বীপ সংঘের অনুষ্ঠানে 'রোজগার ২' কে সামনে রেখে সাইকেল ভ্যান দেওয়া হল ১৫ জনকে। ১০ জন



মহিলা এবং ৫ জন পুরুষ। কেউ ফুল বিক্রতা, কেউ পরিচারিকা, কেউ কাগজকুড়ানি। অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত ছিলেন ডিস্ট্রিক্ট গভর্নর এবং ফার্স্ট লেডি মমতা আগারওয়াল ও কলকাতা হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের ডিরেক্টর গীতা ভেঙ্কটকৃষ্ণান।

🅦 দুঃস্থদের জন্য আয়ের দিশা দুঃস্থদের রোজগারের পথ দেখাতে হোপ কলকাতা ফাউন্ডেশনের উদ্যোগ। সহযোগিতায় রোটারি ক্লাব অফ কলকাতা। শামিল সেঞ্চরি প্লাই। সোদপুর কালীতলায় অমরদীপ সজ্যের অনুষ্ঠানে 'রোজগার ২'-কে সামনে রেখে সাইকেল ভ্যান দেওয়া হল ১৫ জনকে। ১০ জন মহিলা এবং ৫ জন পরুষ। কেউ ফলবিক্রেতা, কেউ পরিচারিকা, কেউ কাগজকুড়ানি। অনুষ্ঠানে ছিলেন ডিস্ট্রিক্ট গভর্নর এবং ফাস্ট লেডি মমতা আগরওয়াল ও হোপ কলকাতা ফাউন্ডেশনের ডিরেক্টর গীতা বেম্কটকফ্ষন।

Rozgar II: A step towards independent life



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आर्थिक और सामुदायिक विकास के लिए कार्यक्रम

कोलकाता, 17 फरवरी ने रोटरी क्लब ऑफ़ कलकत्ता मिलकर अमर दीप संघ, सोदपुर, (निप्र)। होप कोलकाता फाउंडेशन इनरासेटी और सेंचुरी प्लाई के साथ कालीतला में स्थायी आर्थिक और

सामुदायिक विकास के लिए लोगों की आजीविका को मजबूत करने के उद्देश्य से एक विशेष कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया।इस पहल को रत्न अजय अग्रवाल, जिला गवर्नर और प्रथम महिला ममता अग्रवाल और सुश्री गीता वेंकद्रकृष्णन, निदेशक, होप एंड फाउंडेशन की सम्मानित उपस्थिति में हुआ।

- Rtn. Banushree Mitra announced birthdays and marriage anniversary for the month of January 2020.
- President Geeta adjourned the meeting.

Total Members Present on 31st January 2020: 3 **Sunshine Box Rs 380**

Total Member Present on 7th February 2020: 11 members

Some of the Glimpse of Rotary Centennial Summit held on 14th February 2020 to 16th February 2020. **Venue: Biswa Bangla Convention Center Kolkata**

Rotary celebrates 100 years of Service in India

In order to celebrate 100 years of service in India, Rotary recently organised Rotary India Centennial Summit at Biswa Bangla Convention Cente at Kolkata. Nearly 4,000 Rotary members from 35 countries, government officials and topic experts explored ideas and solutions around disease prevention and treatment, water sanitation and hygiene, education and other topics relevant to India. Notable event attendees included Vice President of India Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Rotary International President Mark Maloney and Rotary International President — nominee for 2021-22 Shekhar Mehta.

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Rotary began its journey in India from the city of Kolkata, on 1st January, 1920 inspired by the organization's motto, "Service above Self". In the last 100 years, Rotary has grown from one club to 4,000 with 1.5 lakh Rotary members in India. In 2018-19, The Rotary Foundation in India supported projects worth \$22.81 million, including: improving the education system; tackling significant public health problems throughout the country; providing women entrepreneurs with sustainable access to microfinance; enhancing sanitation and hygiene standards, especially for women and girls; providing access to clean and safe drinking water; helping rebuild homes, schools, and businesses affected by natural disasters and much more. As a driving force behind global efforts to eradicate polio, Rotary will join India in celebrating its sixth polio-free year on 27th March, 2020. Since 1995, Rotary worked with the Indian government to institute National Immunization Days each year to immunize 172 million children below five years of age. Congratulating Rotary on achieving this 100year milestone, Chief Guest Jagdeep Dhankar, Governor of Bengal, said, "The third decade of this century will be a decisive one for India, and organizations like Rotary, with its resources and commitment to creating positive and lasting change in the world, have an important role to play. Ending polio in India is a testament to Rotary's dedication and action. We look forward to collaborating with Rotary to address India's other challenges."

As part of the celebration, Rotary honored four individuals with its

Rotary Hero Humanity Awards: From Guwahati for his work Bhrigu Borthakhur supporting basic education and literacy.

From Pune for his work Adhik Sadashiv Kadam supporting economic and community development. From Amravati for his Swapnil Arun Gawande work in supporting disease prevention and treatment for organ donation awareness and

From Chandausi for her work Dr. Shalini Saxena supporting clean water, sanitation and hygiene with creating awareness around menstrual hygiene. In his address to attendees, Maloney said, "As we celebrate our impact over the last 100 years in India, I'm inspired by these creative solutions to some of our toughest challenges, from economic inequality to conflict resolution to fighting disease. India is one of the Rotary's fastest-growing countries with a 56 per cent increase in membership over the last decade, so there is a unlimited potential".

Referring to the Union government's Ayushman Bharat scheme, Dr. Harsh Vardhan called it an "ambitious programme, under which 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres will be set up across India by the end of 2022. So far, 30,000 are being set up and by March-end, we will have around 40,000 centres." He added, "I sincerely appreciate the work done by Rotarians across the world in the last 115 years and in the last 100 years in India. Rotary is the only organisation that dreamt about a polio-free nation much before any other organisation did. Partnership with Rotary International could be a game-changer in reaching every child under Intensified Mission Indradhanush and elimination of TB." In his closing remarks, Naidu complemented Rotary for the work done in India for eradicating polio in partnership with the Government of India, WHO, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and other areas like literacy and water conservation. Mehta said, "For an organisation with the motto "Service above Self", the best way to celebrate our 100-year milestone is to enhance our humanitarian activities, and this is what Indian Rotarians are doing. They have raised the bar so high that I am compelled to say that every Rotary member truly is the Koh-i-Noor in the Rotary world." During his one-year term as Rotary's 111th President beginning on 1st July, 2021, Mehta will focus on increasing Rotary's impact by expanding

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Rotary International President Mark Maloney & Gay Maloney



District Governor 3291 and Inner-City Club members



Governor of West Bengal and Vice President of India with RIPN Shekar Mehta 2021-2022



Governor of West Bengal and Vice President of India



Rotarian and members from other Districts in India



Rtn Alokananda Honorary member , Rtn Ritesh President elect 2020-2021 and President Rtn Geeta 2019-2020





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Rotary International President Mark Maloney & Gay Maloney with PP Sukanya Dasgupta



Announcement



Birthday Celebration

25th Feb Rtn. Ranjan Ganguly



Marriage Anniversary

25th Feb Rtn Chandrani Chakraborty & Mr Saumen

26th Feb Rtn. Subir Khasnobis & Anne Sushmita

<u>Projects -Community service</u> Jyoti an eye camp will be held at RCC Deara on 22nd February 2020 supported by ARWS & GKB Optical.

All members and Spouses are invited for the Fellowship organized by our beloved PP Bani Roy Choudhury on 22nd February 2020 at 7:00pm Venue: Lilavati Resort near Silver Point School