

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INNER CITY

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**1255 th RWM on Wednesday 21st August 2019 Guest Speaker: PDG Debashish Mitra District Membership Chair 2019-2022**

Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City held its 1254 RWM on Friday 2nd August 2019, at 1 pm at the Pavilion, Calcutta Club. The speaker of the day was Dr Mathew P. John Hon.General. Secretary of Antara who runs a Psychiatric Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre. Antara provides Psychiatric in-patient treatment and rehabilitation through pharmaco-therapy, psychotherapy, occupational and aesthetic therapy. Community mental health outreach through satellite clinics in rural areas. Education and training in various mental health domains in schools and the community. A lively question and answer session followed with Dr Bijoy Jacob Psychiatrist. A Vote of thanks and a gift for the speaker were offered by Rtn Bikash Mukerjee

Project for the year 2019-2020. Second Eye Camp **Jyoti - Lightning Up Lives-An Eye Camp in Eradicating Curable Blindness** in association with Anirban Rural Welfare Society , Netaji Eye Hospital and GKB Optical held on 10th August 2019 at RCC Usthi . 107 patients were registered. Out of which 29 people needed cataract operation and 65 people for spectacles and rest 13 patients were given eye drop and vitamin medicine.



Eye Camp in progress



15<sup>th</sup> August 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day was celebrated at RCC Deara .90 Children participated in sit and draw competition, Tree Plantation and distribution of education materials.



Members in Independence celebration

20<sup>th</sup> August 2019 a Cervical Cancer awareness program at Calcutta Public School was organized and Dr Sujata Datta gave a detail information about the cervical cancer and its prevention to the students of class X to XII, Total 250 students along with teachers attended the programme. Dr Sujata Datta 's Daughter Tanishta also motivated the students about the awareness of the cervical cancer among the young generation. Rtn Proma Das was highly appreciated in organizing the same. Dr Sujata Datta and the Principal of the school was presented with a gift.



Tree Plantation at RCC Deara School



Students in participation in the program



Drawing competition, prize distribution and Refreshment





Question & Answer Session on the cervical cancer awareness program



**Honorary Rotary Member of our Club Alokanda Roy received an India postal stamp on her name .**



Rtn.Alokanda Roy receiving her postal stamp



In the inaugural ceremony, of the 14th August 2019, All India Cultural of India Post meet. Director General (Posts), as the Chief Guest, released a Special Cover on the idea of changing the minds of inmates of Jail by culture therapy.



The therapeutic use of music aims at reducing anxiety, improve cognitive functioning, promote physical rehabilitation and enhance interpersonal communication. It helps people in rediscovering themselves. Smt. Alokanda Roy, took up this as an experiment in this city few years back. Valmiki Pratibha, a well-known dance drama by Rabindranath Tagore tells the story of reformation – how the dreaded Dasyu Ratnakar metamorphosed into Valmiki, the sage, and went on to pen great epic, Ramayana. If Ratnakar can transform to Valmiki, then why not inmates of modern Correctional Homes can have a sense of purpose in their life? Smt. Roy's tireless persuasion, her acceptance and affection gave the convicts of the Prison, a sense of self-respect and dignity. The minds started changing and they started to identify themselves with the character of Valmiki getting transformed and believing in the possibility of new beginning. - A rare landmark that is referred by many as unparalleled in the history of prisons in the world. The Special Cover brought out by the West Bengal Postal Circle was in acknowledgement of this effort. Smt. Alokanda Roy, the eminent Dancer and Social-worker was the Guest of Honour and Smt. Arundhathy Ghosh, Member (Operations) of the Postal Services Board was the Special Guest in the inaugural programme.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 and community service held on 10<sup>th</sup> August ,15<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

1. President Geeta Venkadakrishnan took the chair at 7:00pm
2. National anthem was sung led by Rtn. Bani Roy Choudhury.
3. President Geeta welcomed all members and guests. LOA was granted to some members.
4. Minutes of 1254 was confirmed.
5. President Geeta gave updated on the District programme as August being membership & new Club development month so membership seminar has been arranged on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 2:30pm to 6:00pm Venue Haldiram Ballygunge.
6. 4th August 2019 being celebrated as Friendship day over a movie SAMSARA a Bengali film. Dated 4<sup>th</sup> August Sunday Inox south City Mall 5:30pm.
7. President Geeta invited the guest speaker Dr Mathews P. John CEO of Antara Hospital an Oasis for troubled minds and Dr Bijoy Jacob Physiatrist.
8. A lively question and answer session followed. A Vote of thanks and a gift for the speaker were offered along with gifts by Rtn Bikash Mukherji.
9. Secretary Yvonne announced regarding birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August
10. Secretary Yvonne also made her announced the calendar of RWMs for the month of August.
11. President Geeta announced the sunshine box collection of Rs 250 with special contributions from Rtn, Anjali Aneja
12. President Geeta adjourned the meeting.

**Total: Members Present :12 Guest: 2  
Sunshine Box Rs 250**



- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 RWM followed by President Fellowship at Eastern Metropolitan Club 7:30 pm.
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 a CSR Initiative Workshop will be held at Rotary Sadan, Time 2:30pm to 5: 00pm. Organised by District Governor 3291CSR Committee,
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 "Go Green Initiative" Environment Conservation at Rotary Sadan from 6:00pm onwards.



**Rotary Club of Calcutta wishes to felicitate our Club on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at HHI Kolkata at 6 pm as part of the centenary celebration as the first event in the Centenary of Rotary Club of Calcutta which will take place to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day.**

The programme will include showcasing two Centennial Projects in the morning for Inner City to join at the project sites in Kolkata, departing Rotary Sadan at 10.00 am. The morning event will be followed by celebration of the Centenary Foundation Day from 6 pm in the evening at Hotel Hindustan International, followed by dinner. Rotary Club of Calcutta sponsored our Inner City club in the year 1991 and they wish to felicitate our club on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 of 6.00 pm at HHI, Kolkata. RID Kamal Sanghvi, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, RIPN Shekhar Mehta, RPIC PDG SAM Showket Hossain, DG Ajay Agarwal, and PDGs of our District will grace the occasion.

**Rotary Club of Calcutta are proud of our club and look forward to felicitate President and Club members.**

**Birthdays:**



23<sup>rd</sup> August Rosy Sen  
24<sup>th</sup> August Rahul Johri & Ronit Mitra  
31<sup>st</sup> August Proma Lahiri Das