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DEC/JAN/FEB ROUND UP

President: RIJU CHAMARIA | Secretary: DIPTI CHAMARIA | Editor: ARCHANA GUPTA

#### This issue is dedicated to Apnalay on the occasion of its 1st Anniversary



**Sat, 3rd Feb:** "Aagaman" the first anniversary celebration of Apnalay, home for senior citizens was held.

Hum sabke apno ke Aagaman se Apnalay ka aangan khil utha.

Aamantran: Joining in our celebrations were IWCCC members' parents, in-laws, relatives, friends and well wishers. Our very own PIIWR Lalita Seth also graced the occasion.

Gaana: A soulful song Yeh toh sacch hai ki Bhagwaan hai... Dharti pe roop Maa Baap ka... uss Vidhata ki penchaan hai... was melodiously sung by members Kanchan and Manisha.

Anniversary: Mr Sanjay Sarkar our

first Resident completed one year stay in Apnalay. He was felicitated by PAT Mamta Gupta and PP Shashi Khandelwal along with President Riju. Another resident Mrs Mamata Ghosh expressed that she has found a home and family in Apnalay and her conducting the adult literacy classes has given her new meaning and purpose in life.Red roses were given to all residents as a token of love.

Moments: PAP Mamta Agarwal and PP Arunaji Murarka the two pillars in the making of our home were honoured by PIIWR Lalitaji. Special acknowledgement was also extended to PP Sudha, PP Renu Bagrodia, PP Anjana and PP Shashi for being an integral part of our endeavour.

Apnalay: The home was beautifully decorated all over with fresh marigold flowers. The OM Shanti mantra artwork put up on the wall beside the main entrance door will always radiate positive energy. The colourful and cheerful dance performance by our members (PAP Mamta, President Riju, Madhu, Neelam, Manisha, Sonam, Rekha D, Babita & Seema G set our spirits soaring high.

**Nostalgia:** Apnalay... is an epitome of our belief and commitment... it took us 10 years to complete... today it gives us tremendous satisfaction that the rooms of the first floor are fully occupied and we have 12 residents.

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## "Life Begins at 60" Our panelists of the chat show



**Shamlu Dudeja:** She is a Kantha revivalist and the founder of Self Help Enterprise (SHE) which works on women's empowerment and livelihood through revival of Kantha art.



**Shuvaprasanna:** He is an Indian artist and an active member of the 'Calcutta Painters' group. He is the founder of College of Visual Arts and Arts Acre Foundation Museum of Bengal modern art in Rajarhat, Newtown.



**Nandita Roy:** She is an Indian Filmmaker and Screenwriter. She made her directorial debut with the film *Icche* (2011). She has directed films like *Muktodhara*, *Praktan*, *Posto* and *Bela Sheshe*.



**Bharti Ray:** A Historian and Educationist, she taught history at Calcutta University and was the Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1988-95. She is currently Vice President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.



Adda: Our topic 'Life begins at 60...' it was an immensely enjoyable 'adda session' with Educationist Bharati Ray, kantha revivalist Shamlu Dudeja, artist Shri Shuvaprassana and filmmaker Nandita Roy and the convenors were PP Dipti Khaitan and President Riju Chamaria.

Shamluji startled us when she said her life began at 60 when due to circumstances she had to start thinking of a career with the kantha workers. She was extremely magnanimous in saying that the workers empowered her when they came to her with their problems and she could help them out in her own little way.

Prof Bharati Ray went a step further and said that she never had any formal education but was home tutored always. Here is a former Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University saying this and now at Apnalay she saw a new home where life begins at 60. Our residents Mamata Saha and Kanak di have started taking adult literacy classes and feel so confidant with this new education in their lives.

Shri Shuvaprasanna reiterated that any learning begins from the time one is born. You cannot become anyone overnight but it is a lifetime process and there is always some learning every day. Filmmaker Nandita Ray informed us that her career started after the age of 50. She had been done with her duties towards bringing up her children and was ready for new ventures when her association with Shiboprasad happened and the rest we know is history. Amazing films like Belasheshe, Icche, Randhanu, Muktodhara, Posto, Praktan and Accident were made by this awesome duo.

#### They appreciated...

It was great to see you and your colleagues giving so much time and energy to a CAUSE. The effort was

so spontaneous and genuine.
And the home you all made
for the aged would certainly
be a home for them. You have
fulfilled to the extent possible for
a non-profit organisation a need
of the hour. I admire and respect
you and your team.

#### - Bharti Ray

My heartiest congratulations for completing such a fantastic accommodation in such a brief period of time. Extremely creditable! All of you will receive blessings from so many happy and satisfied seniors

staying there. I am sure Apnalay 2 will be coming up soon.



- Shamlu Dudeja









#### **Aagaman**

The inauguration of the second floor suites performed by our distinguished dignitaries Shamluji Dudeja and Bharti Ray along with Lalitaji is another landmark achieved. In a month's time all the second floor rooms will be completely furnished and available for occupancy.

Friends, it was a proud privilege for me to be the Aagaman programme Chairman, Presidet Riju proactively lead us, the core team comprising of PP Shashi, IPP Kavita, Archana Gupta & Seema Gupta under the able guidance of PAP Mamta and PP Aruna.

Cheers to each and every member who have chipped in for the various aspects

of the celebrations.... making Aagaman a heart warming and memorable one... Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta rocks... Hum Saath Saath hai... Thank you very much

#### PP Dipti Khaitan, Chairman























## Apnalay through the lens



Adult literacy classes



Yoga classes



Dining hall



Medical checkup



Welcome our first resident



### Our Residents of Apnalay Committed



Mr Sandeep Sarkar 62 years Room-106 Joined on 10th Jan 2017



Gouri Mukherjee From Lake Gardens, Kolkata



Shyamali Sen Joined on 30th Oct 2017



Rosaly Selvaraj From Kasba, Kolkata



Mamata Ghosh 68 years Joined on 1st Nov 2017



Shankarlal Garg 68 years Room-108 Joined on 11th Dec 2017



Mridula Das Gupta 74 years From Lake Gardens, Kolkata Joined on 31st Oct2017



Bandana Ghosh Joined on 3rd Jan 2018



Kanak Saha Rov From Assam Joined on 20th Nov 2017



Nitya Gopal Ghosh 96 years Room-102 Joined on 3rd Jan 2018

# staff



Vijav Prabhakaran 60 years M: 99039 40962



Rabindra Nath Mandal 47 vears M: 90620 86547



Md Ashique



Shvamal Naskar 44 vears M: 85999 81105

### Celebrations at Apnalay Working



■ 26th Jan: Republic Day celebrated at Apnalay with our senior residents, students of Khushi and Computer training class. Members present were President, PP Dipti Khaitan, ISO, Editor, Kanchan Somani, Kiran Ganeriwal and Manisha Agarwal.



■ 23rd Dec: Christmas was celebrated at Apnalay with residents and 60 quests from Dignity Foundation. They all sang songs, performed skits, played games and danced. Refreshments were served and gift hampers were given to all. Savita, Sonam, Kanchan and PP Ruchika entertained the guests with dance, singing and skit. Event was sponsored by PP Dipti Khaitan.

■ 22nd Jan: Saraswati Puia celebrated at Apnalay. Attended by Manisha Agarwal.



## Committee of Annalar

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Chairman	Mamta Agarwal
Resource Persons/PR	Aruna Murarka Sudha Chowdhury
Administration	Anjana Bhuwania Renu Bagrodia
F&B/Kitchen	Riju Chamaria Archana Gupta
House Keeping	Shashi Khandelwal Seema Gupta
Medical	Shashi Khandelwal Dipti Chamaria Sangeeta Ruia
Entertainment	Kanchan Somani Manisha Agarwal
Library	Babita Moody
Inventory	Manisha Agarwal Archana Agrawal

Khushi Vocational Centre Shashi Khandelwal

# Kamala Ramakrishnan IIW President, 2007-08 S E A S O N



The feelings that conjures up when one dwells into the flashback of life is difficult to express and put in as many words. One can only feel the emotions and smile with the teary eyes at the time gone by, which eventually may have led to the achievements today!!

That's exactly what I felt when I led our very special, much admired and loving guest Kamala Ramakrishnan, Past International Inner Wheel President to Apnalay on 3rd March 2018, exactly a month later of celebrating one year of successfully running of Apnalay- our home for senior citizens, in Kolkata. It was way back on 10th January 2007, eleven years back, when our illustrious IIW Vice President Kamala had laid the foundation stone for this home.

Upon arrival she eagerly took a round of the home accompanied by President Riju Chamaria, Secretary Dipti Chamaria, PP Anjana Bhuwania and myself. She was impressed and was truly in admiration of this well maintained home. Later on. she went on to comment that "Apnalay is one of the most inspiring success stories in our Inner Wheel Movement."

An exclusive tete-a tete "Koffee with Kamalaseason 2" was to follow just after with a moderate count of members and quests. The exclusive audience was in tune and all ears to her expression. Each one felt privileged and personally could connect

to her. In fact they also indulged in asking a few questions to her and shared a few facts on some topics. We were privileged to have Past IIWR and PAP Dr Lalita Seth, District Chairman Vinny Kandhaari and PDC Jayanti Dutta with us.

The answer to a pertinent question like "what would you convey to our Inner Wheel members" was simply "Stay relevant!! If a service becomes redundant today, then simply look for other avenues concerning today's problems and issues." A sincere request and advise from her was to bring in more young and smart members in 20s and 30s to take the Inner Wheel forward. The audience made a serious note of the fact and applauded in unison. It was interesting to know Kamala as a multifaceted person- a working woman, a volunteer, a member and a leader of the International Inner Wheel.

When asked whom does she look up to and admires in Inner Wheel, as she herself is admired by many? Along with all the Association Presidents, she specially took names of Late PAP Leela Ratnam - who was a mentor and a guide to her and PAP Mano Bhaktavatsalam, who acted as a beacon of life for Kamala, both being seniors in her own club IWC of Madras.

The Koffee session got over with a rapid fire round with questions like- what is her strength. weakness, favorite destination, favorite food joint, her inspiration etc. which she answered as rapidly as with much confidence. In the end, after a short photo stint with her there was still a lot to catch up for everyone over the sumptuous tea and snacks.

I thank Kamla for taking out time from her busy schedule and visiting Apnalay.

- Mamta Agarwal, Chairman Apnalay

### Kamala said it...

Apnalay is one of the most inspiring success stories in our Inner Wheel movement. To dream a tough dream and turn it into reality is not easy. Your club has done it and I commend you for your committment and total dedication.

Apnalay stands tall today as a well maintained, beautiful space helping old people live a life of dignity and comfort.



# PIIWPDrPallaviShah's visit to Apnalay



Mon, 12th Mar: "Commit with Conviction Compassion and Consistency" was the theme given by Dr Pallavi Shah when she led the International Inner Wheel in 2010-11. The interesting fact is that in the same year, the current International President Dr Kapila Gupta was the Association President, current DC Vinny Kandhari was her club President and our own PP Aruna Murar-

ka was serving as the President of our club. During that year the club achieved a lot by adhering to the IIW theme.

Pallaviji happens to be the 6th International President to visit Apnalay today. It is a rare feat for Apnalay or for any such project which has had international luminaries like Past IIW Presidents Minna Kapur, Carol Young, Abha Gupta, Charlotte De Vos, Kamala Ra-

She Praised it...



Senior
citizens'
living is need
of the day.
The best part

is the quality material and artistic interior. The team work of your club is exemplary. May you continue this good work of 'Apnalay' and be blessed.

With all appreciation & blessings for continuous work.

makrishnan and Dr Pallavi Shah as visitors. It is indeed a matter of great pride and privilege for us. Three cheers to IWC Central Calcutta and Apnalay!!!

- Mamta Agarwal, Chairman Apnalay

### President's message



Hello Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate Past Association Treasurer and PP Mamta Gupta on winning the most

coveted post of Association Vice-President for the year 2018-2019. We at IWC-CC are so proud of her and wish her all success in her future endeavours.

The month of January brings celebrations galore with it. Saraswati Puja and Republic day was celebrated with the residents of Apnalay on 22nd & 26th January respectively.

Our annual event 'Husbands Day Out' on the 14th January at 'Arts Acre' saw every spouse together with their partner creating wonders on the canvas. Plenty of sleeping artists came alive where the paintings ranged from scenery to sun-

rise, amazing card design re-discovered and many colourful paintings.

In the field of education, student Aman Shaw was given a cheque to complete his final engineering semester, a drinking water station was installed in Kankurgachi School under the WINS project and finally under medical help - a cheque of Rs 1 lakh was given to the Cancer Hospital on the occasion of the registration of the first resident of our home for senior citizens – Apnalay.

Aagaman at Apnalay on 3rd Feb to mark the stay of our first resident - had an immensely enjoyable 'adda session' with Educationist Bharati Ray, kantha revivalist Shamlu Dudeja, artist Shri Shuvaprassana and filmmaker Nandita Roy and the convenors were PP Dipti Khaitan and myself.

'Koffee with Kamala – season 2... on 3rd March was a Cosy and sophisticated meeting... Two intelligent and elegant ladies... Mamta Agarwal and Kamla Ramkrishnan ...on a chit chat... One questioning and other answering... It was a visual treat and so much learning... One of the best interviews ever...

PIIWP Dr Pallavi Shah visited Apnalay on 12th March, and we got an opportunity to interact withyet another Past IIW President in a short span of 10 days. She said that Project like Apnalay was an outcome of exemplary teamwork. We were fortunate to have Subala project done by her hands that day.

It has been an extremely busy but exceptionally satisfying three months of the new calendar year and hope that we at Inner Wheel keep getting opportunities to give back to society what we have received in abundance from it.

Yours-in-wheel

#### Riju Chamaria

President, IWC Central Calcutta

### Husbands' Day Out

At Arts Acre Foundation on 14th January 2018



A day of creative experience was planned for our better halves. The unlimited fun started as the spouses (some along with their respective wife) splashed their canvases into spellbinding pieces of Art. Some sculpted their expression into works of Art. While colourful kites paint the sky on this day in many parts of India, here we could see captivating canvases in all different hues possible. Sir Sameer Roy, a renowned artist guided

all with their creative imaginations.

The next activity – a couple game "पर्दा ना उठाओ, नहीं तो, पोल खुल जायेगा" was played with much zeal in full spirits.

The finale – a dance performance "RANG" best described by "मैंने तेरे लिय ही सात संग के सपने चुने" captivated the audience. The performers were PAP Mamta Agarwal, President Riju, ISO Seema Gupta, Editor Archana Gupta, Archa-

na Agarwal, Madhu, Manisha, Neelam, Rekha Daruka, Savita, Sonam & myself. Lunch laid out at the cafeteria was scrumptious. Team "HUM PAANCH" comprising of Riju, Savita, Seema Gupta, Sonam & myself worked hard proving again that teamwork is the rich legacy of our club.

I am sure the Husbands of our club members went home from the celebrations taking back joyous moments along with their soulful artwork. The land-scape and exquisite green surrounding of Arts Acre made it a day to be etched in our memory.

Lastly I would like to thank PAP Mamta Agarwal for her guidance and PP Renu Lakhotia for her hospitality.

#### - Babita Moody



#### <sup>They</sup> **appreciated...**

Innovative... out of the box...and completely mesmerising. One of the outstanding IW events I have attended. Kudos to the ladies of IWCCC led by chair Babita and President Riju. Thank you for a memorable day.

#### - Ajay Agarwal, DGN

Thanks to all my charming iwccc friends to make my 60th b'day memorable. – **PP Pradeep Murarka** 

A lovely, enjoyable, memorable, innovative and fantastic day spent today. Though it was my first interaction with the club members, I really enjoyed. Looking forward to more of these get togethers. Thanks Everyone.

#### - Anup Gupta

A very well organized programme. I am sure everyone enjoyed the day. Thanks to president Riju and her team. – Kishore Somani











#### Events Attended...

■ 10th Jan: 50th Formation year of IIW, VIBGYOR was celebrated at Sapphire Banquets on 10th January. 21 members attended the event. Our members Savita Nevatia, Sonam Parasrampuria and Manisha Agarwal participated in the dance programme. New member Vinnyta Agarwala was inducted on this day.





- 12th Jan: Extraordinary DC meet attended by President and Secretary at South City Towers.
- VIDYA on 20th February Level 3

meeting of Teach at Rotary Sadan attended by PAP Mamta Agarwal, PP Shashi Khandelwal, Meghna Lohia, Babita Moody and Kanchan Somani.



Dear Friends,

Welcome back with the 3rd issue of ECHO after HOLI, the Festival of Colours that heralds the onset of Spring with flowers blooming all around. The past few weeks were full of Activity, Festivity, Celebrations, Euphoria and Jubilation!!. Our 2 mega events: Husband's Day Out and Aagaman was a Stupendous Success!! Let's all Cherish these Sweet Moments and Colourful Memories!!

Archana Gupta, Editor 2017-18

# Forthcoming Events

- 16th Mar: Intercity Meet at Kala Mandir.
- 11th-14th Apr: 17th Triennial Convention at Melbourne.

### Joint Projects

- Rs 1000 given to IWC Dhakuria for a Joint Project at Sri Aurobindo Balika Bidyalaya for teaching Self Defence to girls.
- Rs 5000 to Kolkata New Gen for construction of Treatment Room for sick and injured animals at Ashari Veterinary Hospital.
- Rs 1000 to Salt lake Midtown for Haemophilia Project.
- Rs 1000 to IWC South East for Cornea Transplant Eye operations.
- We are Co Hosts in Inter City Meet on 16th March to be held at Kala Mandir.
- Rs 1,000 to IWC Mahanagar for a girl child, 5 years old, Abhishikta Haldar suffering from respiratory paralysis.

# Heartiest congratulation!

to PAT Mamta Gupta
on being elected Association
Vice-President 2018-19



#### IWCCC Team 2018- 19



President : Meghna Lohia

IPP : Riju Chamaria

Vice-President : Babita Moody

Secretary : Archana Gupta

Joint Secretary : Seema Gupta

Treasurer : Monika Kejriwal
Editor : Mridu Somani

ISO : Savita Nevatia
CLCC : Shashi Khandelwal

EC Members : Aruna Murarka

Vinita Poddar
Vinita Poddar
Dipti Chamaria
Kanchan Somani
Shradha Rathi
Kamini Mehta

#### Club in Action...

■ 8th Jan: Tree Plantation and Good Touch Bad Touch Awareness programme was conducted in Kulti School. Members present were President Riju Chamaria, CLCC Shashi Khandelwal, PP Renu Lakhotia, Sarla Maheswari, Shanti Shah, Geeta Jhawar, Bhawna Agarwal and Mona Saraf.





- 22nd Jan: Saraswati Puja celebrated at Kulti School on Basanti Highway. 70 Books were donated for the Library. Members present were CLCC Shashi Khandelwal and Manisha Agarwal. We thank Manisha for donating Rs 5,000.
- 29th Jan: Under Wins Project wash station constructed at Vivekananda Vidyapith school in Kakurgachi. Members present were PAP Mamta Agarwal, President, President Elect, Editor, Neelam Singhi and Rekha Daruka.



■ 3rd Feb: A cheque of Rs 100,000 given to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Research Institute. We thank Ranjana Kajaria for this donation.



■ 3rd Feb: A cheque of Rs 20,000 given to Aman Shaw an engineering student for his last semester.



■ 12th Mar: 7 sewing machines were donated to Parivarikee Vocational Center by the hands of none other than Past IIW President Dr Pallavi Shah in the presence of PAP Mamta Agarwal. We compliment Sudha Bagaria for sponsoring one of these. Members present were President Riju, Mala, Sudha and Savita.



■ 14th Feb: Adult Literacy Centre opened at Supriya Tea Estate, Alipurduar, WB.





**PP Kamini Mehta's mother** for donating Rs 2100.

IPP Kavita Shah's mother in law for donating Rs 21000.

# Congratulations! members 100% Half Yearly Attendance

Mamta Agarwal • Mamta Gupta
Riju Chamaria • Meghna Lohia
Geeta Jhawar • Kanchan Somani
Mona Saraf • Bhawna Agarwal
Archana Gupta • Seema Gupta
Dipti Chamaria

## Congratulations!

- Granddaughter to Renu and Rajendra Bagrodia
- GrandsontoUmaandSrivardhanModi
- Sradha Rathi for receiving Gold Award at Greece on behalf of her company I Serve Solution and Services Pvt Ltd for Best Performance.
- Neelam Singhi for her husband Mr Rajendra Singhi being elected Executive Vice President and Company Secretary of FMCG major ITC.
- Kanchan Somani for her daughter RashmiSomaniwinning1stprizein10km, 21km, 25km and 42km Marathon Run.
- PP Dipti Khaitan, Mridu Somani and Sradha Rathi for winning 3rd prize in CSC Treasure Hunt.
- Sarla Maheswari for winning in District Competition for Tray Cloth making.



# Welling Conneces were

•JANUARY	
Jan-21	Shriti Jhawar
Jan-21	Sunita Jalan
Jan-22	Shradha Rathi
Jan-23	Madhu Bagri
Jan-27	Kiran Sanganeria
Jan-30	Smita Murarka
Jan-31	Sonam Parasrampuria

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb-01	Uma Modi
Feb-03	Ranjana Kajaria
Feb-07	Anushree Mundhr
Feb-07	Riju chamaria
Feb-07	Savita Nevatia
Feb-12	Archana Salarpur
Feb-15	Shalini Bubna
Feb-18	Mala Bhargava

Feb-19	-	Mridu Somani
Feb-19	•	Renu Bagrodia
Feb-21		Geetika Khaitan
Feb-21		Vinita Poddar
Feb-27		Mamta Gupta
Feb-27		Meeta Lakhotia

#### **MARCH**

Mar-06	Ruchika Rajgarhia
Mar-09	Dipti Chamaria
Mar-10	Mala Ganeriwal
Mar-12	Kavita Shah



### Britheley Greetings

#### **JANUARY**

Jan 06	Ruchika Rajgarhia
Jan 21	Shriti Jhawar
Jan 21	Saroj Kedia
Jan 22	Renu Bagrodia
Jan 27	Yogita Ganeriwala

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb 12	Kanchan Somani
Feb 16	Kiran Jhunjhunwala
Feb 16	Mamta Gupta
Feb 26	Kiran ganeriwal
Feb 27	Rekha Daruka

#### MARCH

Mar 04	Deepa Banka
Mar 09	Vinita Poddar
Mar 17	Savita Nevatia
Mar 28	Meghna Lohia
Mar 28	Monika Kejriwal
Mar 31	Seema Kothari



#### CONDOLENCE

We regret the sad demise of Mother in law of Sangeeta Maroo & Father of Uma Modi

#### Today's **Event...**



#### Our next programme

### Inauguration of Happy School

on Saturday, 17th March at 12.30 pm





2 No Kulti GSFP School Post: Kantatala, PSKLC, 24 Parganas Bhangur, Tardaha VEC