



Press Release

Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation & Rotary Club Of Calcutta In Association With Hyatt Regency Hosted Annual Fundraiser Event 'Yaadein' 2022 & GAURAV VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Kolkata, 5th March, 2022: Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation, is one of the very few organisations in India that promotes Classical music talents and inspires India's musical heritage for the future generations. The **Rotary Club of Calcutta** in association with **Hyatt Regency** presented the annual fundraiser event **'Yaadein' 2022**, in the discipline of classical music and **GAURAV Vocational Awards**. Guest Of Honour, **Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Transport, Government of West Bengal & Mayor Of Kolkata** and Chief Guest, **Shri Sujit Bose, Minister In Charge, Fire and Emergency Services, Government of West Bengal** were present for the occasion.

Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Transport, Government of West Bengal & Mayor Of Kolkata was also felicitated with **PT RAVI KICHLU SAMMAN** as an iconic figure and for his selfless contribution towards the society.

GAURAV VOCATIONAL AWARDS was conferred to five distinguished personalities namely, **Padma Bhushan Pt Ajoy Chakraborty, Padmashree Smt Usha Uthup, Shri PC Sarkar Jr, Smt Subhashree Ganguly & Shri Shaheb Chatterjee**. Five unsung warriors from various walks of life were the recipients of GAURAV VOCATIONAL AWARDS are **Mr Pradipto Ghoshal** for Aquatic Disaster Management, **Ms Basabi Chatterjee** for Giving shelter to orphaned children and injured stray animals, **Mr Saibal Guha** for Improving the lives of underprivileged and specially abled children, **Mr Pradeep Maity** for helping in feeding the needy & **Ms Ranjita Sinha** for working for transgender community.

This evening, Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation brought **Ratrish Saha** a very talented singer under the aegis of their project, Hriday.

The highlight of the evening was a Jugalbandi recital by renowned Flutist, **Shri Rakesh Chaurasia** and **Shri Purbayan Chatterjee** on Sitar. They were accompanied by **Shri Shubh Maharaj** on Tabla. There was a Kathak dance performance by **Shri Vishal Krishna** (grandson of Lt Sitara Devi). He was accompanied by **Shri Shubh Maharaj** on Tabla, **Shri Prateep Banerjee** on Vocal and **Shri Sandeep Niogi** on Sitar.

"The Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation attempts to measure up to the ideals of the man to whom it is dedicated. It is indeed a privilege for us to honour Janab Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Transport, Government of West Bengal & Mayor Of Kolkata for his untiring efforts towards the betterment of the city and standing by the citizens during the most difficult times that we experienced during the last couple of years. We are proud to associate with The Rotary Club of Calcutta & Hyatt Regency Kolkata, this year for organizing this evening and thankful to each of the sponsors, participants and awardees for making this initiative a success", said Smt Yogita Kichlu, Trustee, Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation.

"The Rotary Club of Calcutta is the oldest running Rotary Club in Asia is committed to change lives of those who need the most. The institution has been tirelessly reaching out to those underprivileged to uplift them in the areas of education through Adult Literacy aimed at restoring confidence and the dignity of a human being. In the health sector we provide Free Prosthetic Limbs to change lives of an entire family. Last but not the least by providing



food so that no one is so hungry to gorge on food from the garbage bins,” said **Rtn. Sujata Pyne, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta.**

GAURAV VOCATIONAL AWARDS is an annual event of the club and under the leadership of **President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne**, this year it was being hosted jointly as a Fundraiser Event with Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation & The Rotary Club of Calcutta.

The noble initiative was supported by the Title Sponsor Benud Behari Dutta along with Ambuja Neotia, Caring Minds, Soul The Sky Lounge, GD Hospitals, D N Jalan Seva Trust, Auli, Myraaa, Organic T-Tales, Panache Events & Gifts, PEEDEE and Sagittarius.Inc.

About Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation

Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation was founded by Mrs Veena Kichlu in 1994. Today, the Foundation follows his footsteps. by Inspiring the young, taking care of the old, constantly remembering the great maestro who showed the way. The foundation is one of the very few organizations in India that promote musical talent and uphold its rich musical heritage for the future generations. The Foundation hopes to diversity into areas of musical and social work that were causes close to his heart. The Pandit Ravi kichlu Foundation is promoting meritorious music talents through an annual award and also proposes to carry out social service work in the general fields of education, medical relief and other public utility services.

Pandit Ravi Kichlu Foundation is committed towards its social responsibilities through various initiatives that include Golden Talens Contest to support underprivileged children in exploring their talents, UMEED by providing better facilities for underprivileged children under Satya Sai school, HRIDAY - support to LGBTQIA community towards a better livelihood through training and permanent jobs, ASHA - a project dedicated towards stable livelihood for inmates of the Women’s Correctional Home, MAAYA - a shelter home initiative for the abused stray dogs and farm animals.

About Rotary Club of Calcutta

The Rotary Club of Calcutta is the oldest running Rotary Club in Asia, tirelessly serving to change lives. Under the leadership of its 102 nd President Rtn. Sujata Pyne, we are trying to reach out to the privileged by giving a clarion call to stand by us and support Rotary in our endeavour to address the three major causes of suffering: HEALTH - as we provide Free Prosthetic Limbs to change lives of an entire family. EDUCATION -through Adult Literacy thereby restoring confidence and the dignity of a human being. HUNGER - our initiative to ensure that no one is so hungry to gorge on food from the garbage bins. Contact us at Rotary Sadan- Next to the Nehru Children’s Museum. Rotary Club of Calcutta known as the “Old Number One” was Chartered in 1920 and has been reaching out to the underprivileged segment of society through projects like EACH ONE TEACH ONE – Adult Literacy Programme, HOT FOOD ON WHEELS – Food distribution to the deprived and AKRITI - Free Prosthetic Limbs To Change Lives. In their 102nd year of Service to Mankind, reaching out to the underprivileged segment of society by addressing health, hunger, education, women & children, water and sanitation, environment and peace are the prime focus areas of Rotary Club and its members.

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