



“BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION VISITS CALCUTTA RESCUE”

On 22nd February 2012, soon after the visit of our Support Groups, Calcutta Rescue had a very important visitor. Mr Sanjay Wadhvani, The British Deputy High Commissioner came to the Calcutta Rescue project at Talapark.

Mr Wadhvani had been invited long back to visit our projects and our various programs as well. However, due to his hectic work schedule which required him to travel a lot he was unable to. Finally on 22nd February 2012 he very kindly took out some time from his tight schedule and agreed to visit our clinic and school at Talapark for an hour.

The visit was set for 09:00 am at Talapark clinic. Dr Bobby (CEO), Dr Ghosh (Deputy CEO), Shib Shankar (APO Clinics), Debuprasad (APO Special Programs) and Vanessa (Media Assistant) were there to welcome him to the project. Sharp at 09:00 am Mr Wadhvani arrived in his car with his entourage at the Talapark clinic. As soon as he arrived within minutes a police jeep from the very alert local police station arrived and stationed themselves outside our clinic as well. This made us realize of what important stature our guest actually was.

As soon as Mr Wadhvani entered the clinic the first thing that struck him was the humble structure which housed the clinic. “It must not be easy to work in this condition”, were the first words spoken by him. His smile showed that he was already appreciative of our humble efforts. Mr Wadhvani had numerous queries regarding Calcutta Rescue, our various projects as well how best the funds are utilized. With the help of the doctors present there as well as the clinic supervisors, he was given a detailed tour of the clinic. He took immense interest in our work. Be it the general clinic, the Mother & Child Health section or the Disability Department. He was deeply moved and seemed to understand the every day struggle that Calcutta Rescue has to face every day to help and serve the neediest of the city.

When a girl from the Disability Department came forward excitedly to show off the medal which she had received after winning a race at a Special Sports at her school, Mr Wadhvani could not help but smile to see the pride in the child's eyes and the fondness with which her mother looked on.

After spending time at the clinic he made his way to the Talapark School to be greeted by the cheerful smiles and applause of our school children. He personally met all the teachers at the school. The school children proudly recited some rhymes and sang some songs for him much to his pleasure. He showed immense interest of Calcutta Rescue's holistic approach towards the children – i.e. our personal care towards their education, health care, nutrition and overall development.

Since Mr Wadhvani was unable to spend more than an hour with us, he was informed of our other projects as well. He himself informed us of a platform who help NGOs sell their handicraft products. He also said that he was unsure how much the British Commission could help in funding however, he said he will try and help and support us in any small ways possible.

Later that day he personally sent Calcutta Rescue an e - mail saying -

"Dear Dr Bobby,

Thank you so much for hosting me at Talapark today, I really enjoyed meeting your colleagues and hearing about your wonderful work.

I mentioned the Internet-based charity which provides a platform for sales from NGOs. You might like to see if some of the products produced by your members could be sold through them. They are called **allforasmile.com** and you can find details at <http://www.allforasmile.com/page.html?chapter=0&id=30>.

You might like to contact them?

I look forward to more interactions with Calcutta Rescue in the future.

With kind regards,

Sanjay. "

Calcutta Rescue was privileged to have Mr Wadhvani present at our humble project. We hope to have a fruitful association with him in the future.

[PHOTOS ARE GIVEN BELOW]



Mr Wadhvani with Dr Bobby at Talapark Clinic



With clinic supervisor Mr Peterson during the tour



With Dr Ghosh



Applauding for the girl from the Disability Dept who won a medal in Special Sports



At Talapark School



With the school children