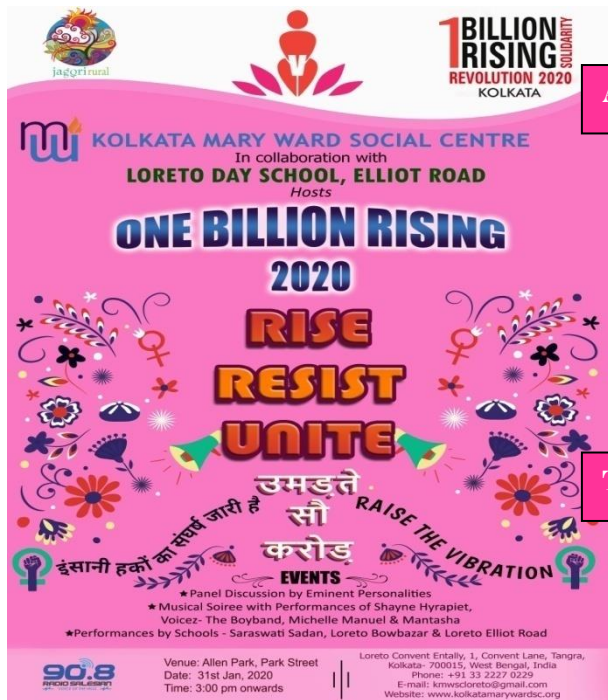


# ONE BILLION RISING 2020

Rise! Resist! Unite

31st January 2020  
Allen Park



## About

One Billion Rising is a global movement and in India, in its 6th year, Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre collaborated with Loreto Day School, Elliot Road to celebrate this movement in Allen Park on the 31st January, 2020. The last few years we, KMWSC actively celebrated OBR at various venues on our own. The year 2020 ushered another new aspect when we had the complete support of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Apart from the Mayor, support came in from the councillor of Ward 63, Mr Mukherjee of KMC, Mr Shane Calvert, MLA representing the Anglo Indian Community and Neeloo Sherpa, Dy Commissioner of Kolkata Police.

## The Event

The event started with the distribution of the pink cap shades to all present there. These were designed by the two Loreto Elliot Road teachers and were there at the Park for all who came in. The pink T shirts designed by KMWSC were seen on the ushers and other teachers who were on duty. This occasion was celebrated keeping in mind the concept of Rise, Resist and Unite. So, all at Allen Park were there to raise the vibration against any form of discrimination and exploitation against women, we were there to celebrate womanhood, we were there to show solidarity against all discrimination -be it caste, creed, religion, gender, ethnic group or minorities.



## Loreto School, Elliot Road

The day's events were set in motion by the original poem composition by Ameerah Rehman of Loreto Day school, Elliot Road. The One Billion Rising dance by the Loreto Elliot Road saw about 200 + students on the floor... They certainly did Break the Chain and shake the Earth with it.



## Saraswati Sadan High school

A play by the boys of Saraswati Sadan High school reflected the patriarchal mindset of Indians where the voice of a male is suppressed. This mental conditioning was powerfully portrayed through their skit titled, 'Unsuni Awaz'.



## Loreto School, Bowbazar

Loreto Bowbazar's powerful dance portrayed the exploitation and atrocities committed against women.







## Panel Discussion

**"Addressing the  
Inequality challenges**

**Mr Shane Calvert, the Moderator**

**Saira Halim**

**Deep Purkasyastha**

**Madiha Ahmed**

**Nandita Palchoudhury**

**Anchita Ghtatak**

**Nick Rampal**



## Singers!!

**Kamran and his band**

**Mantasha of Barefoot**

**Shane Harpreit**





**The Vibration!!**



**Souvenirs!!**

**Media Coverage!!**



**In attendance at the event were all the Loreto schools, Loreto College, other schools and Institutions, Corporate Houses, NGOs and the footfall was over 8000. What gave a boost was the presence of school principals, media houses, activists and Sr Sabrina Edwards, Province Leader and her team.**

**We thank Sr Marilla Anne D'Souza, the Principal of Loreto School, Elliot Road for accepting our invitation to collaborate in our mega event.**