# Calcutta Club Elects First Woman President

## Why in News?

Calcutta Club, a prestigious social institution that opened its doors to individual women members only in 2007, has made history by electing its **first female president.**

## Key Points

- **About:** Businesswoman **Kasturi Raha** triumphed in the club's election, defeating **P.K. Mukherjee and Snehashish Bhaumik** to claim the top position.
    - Raha's election is a significant achievement as she becomes the **first woman to lead the club**, marking a pivotal moment in its century-long history.
    - She had previously made history as the third woman to be granted independent membership at the Calcutta Club and was the first woman elected to its managing committee in 2013.
- **Calcutta Club:** Established in **1907,** the club followed the tradition of **London clubs,** excluding women from membership.
    - Women could only access the facilities as dependents of male members.
    - Special membership was granted to widows of male members, while NRI and corporate memberships were also restricted to men.

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