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Disease prevention and treatment is one of the main focus areas of Rotary, and many of us are well-aware of the numerous projects on this theme taken up by different Rotary Clubs around the world to contribute to healthy and peaceful communities.

Disease prevention and treatment includes immunizing people, providing clean and germ-free potable water, and improving the sanitation infrastructure for every person. Rotary easily takes these global challenges, and help improve our society.

Although Rotary's top priority is eradication of polio, but Rotarians also set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries, particularly in communities suffering from TB, HIV/AIDS and Malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for different health care programmes for people who do not have the affordability to pay for expensive healthcare.

So, come on...let us join our hands together to ensure a less-diseased global community!

**-Souvik**

**MINUTES OF THE 2089<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA  
JADAVPUR HELD AT CALCUTTA ROWING  
CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT  
7:00 PM**

President Rtn. Pausali Paul called the 2089<sup>th</sup> meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur (RCCJ) to order. The meeting was held at Maclyn Lounge, Calcutta Rowing Club, Kolkata.

On the request of the President, Rtn. Paromita Das Datta led the singing of the National Anthem.

President Pausali welcomed members followed by a quick recall of the service projects done between 12th October and 9th November which included:

- 1) A session of Science Club at Udbhash by Rtn Dr. Souvik Roy on 23.10.22
- 2) On 28.10.22, RCCJ joined a seminar as Co Host on Awareness on Breast Cancer led by RC Calcutta Charnock City. Rtn. Partha Sarkar delivered a lecture in this program.
- 3) On 30.10.22, 100 mosquito nets were distributed among the slum dwellers around New Garia area.
- 4) On 03.11.22, MOU has been signed between IPGMER and Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar and Rotaract District 3291 for providing care to the Cancer affected children and initiate the diagnostic tests for the poor children.
- 5) On 07.11.22, IPP Dr. Kunal Ray had detailed meeting with the head of CANKIDS, an NGO which works for the poor children regarding collaboration with them for the projects under Life Beyond Cancer.

The President then mentioned the upcoming events:

- 1) On 9th November, At Fatehpur Gram, Nadia RCCJ would participate in an Awareness program on Cervical Cancer Screening sponsored by NASI. Rtn. Dr. Chitra Mandol would participate in this program on behalf of RCCJ and would deliver a lecture in the program.
- 2) On 10th November, 60 children from Jogtola Suryakumar Bidyalay, Batanagar would be provided transportation to an event at BITM Kolkata.
- 6) On 13th November, a cervical Cancer Screening camp would be arranged at RCC Chowbaga where a team of eminent faculties from CNCI would be present for screening the women.

It was decided that a Natok would be staged on 24th March, 2023 for which the director would be Sri Chandan Das and rehearsal would start shortly.

President declared that the next RCM would take place on 23.11.22 where Hon. Member Dr. Arup Ratan Datta would give a slide presentation on Planetary activities and Mr. Shahenshah Mirza, great great grandson of Nawab Wajed Ali Shah would talk about Influence of Awadhi Culture on Bengal.

The club business was conducted by Secretary Rtn. Dr. Mainak Sengupta where all members joined him in wishing

1. Munmun Sarkar, partner of Rtn Anirban Sarkar and Amrita Bandopadhyay, partner of Rtn Manasij Bandopadhyay for their birthdays on 14th November.
2. Rtn Dr. Chhabinath Mandal for his birthday on 16th November.
3. Rtn Paromita Das Datta for her birthday on 20th November.

Minutes of 2088th meeting was then confirmed.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the members.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES!!**

**Dr. Debnath Chaudhuri** -1<sup>st</sup> December  
[H/O Rtn. Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri]

**Rtn. Chandan Das** -2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Rtn. Tapati Bhattacharya** -2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Rtn. Samirendu Dutt** -3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Rtn. Krishna Lakhani** -6<sup>th</sup> December



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES!!

Rtn. Manasij Bandopadhyay & Mrs. Amrita Bandopadhyay

-6<sup>th</sup> December

Rtn. Dr. Kunal Ray & Rtn. Dr. Jharna Ray

-7<sup>th</sup> December

Rtn. Gautam Chakravarty & Mrs. Debi Chakravarty

-12<sup>th</sup> December



MINUTES OF THE 2090<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD AT CALCUTTA ROWING CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:00 PM

President Rtn. Pausali Paul called the 2090<sup>th</sup> meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur (RCCJ) to order. The meeting was held at Venables Lounge, Calcutta Rowing Club, Kolkata.

On the request of the President, Rtn. Paromita Das Datta led the singing of the National Anthem.

President Pausali welcomed guest Mr. Shahenshah Mirza, Hony. members Sambhu Narayan Banerjee, Dr. Arup Ratan Datta, members and their partners and kids. She mentioned that due to illness of Editor Rtn Dr. Souvik Roy, AHANA couldn't be published on that day. She gave a quick recall of the service projects done between 9th November and 23rd November which included

- 1) Participation of RCCJ in providing transportation for the students of Jogtola Suryakumar Bidyamandir, Batanagar to an event at BITM on 10th November.
- 2) Cervical Cancer Awareness and screening program at Chowbaga on 13th November where an experienced team of faculties were present from CNCI to do the screening of women and counselling one to one regarding personal and menstrual hygiene, Cervical cancer risks and necessity of periodic screening.

President informed with delight that the SSKM unit had opened and started to serve successfully for the paediatric cancer patients by the members of Life Beyond Cancer. President requested all members to visit the unit on any Tuesdays and Thursdays during regular OPD hours between 10:30am-2pm.

The President then mentioned the upcoming events:

- 1) President informed that after having the initial discussion with Director, the script reading of proposed Natok would be held on

28th November and she requested all the interested members to be present there.

- 2) On 26th November, students of Pathshala would present a cultural program in the Bijoya Sammilani program of Panthanibas. Schoolbags will be given to the students, and blankets will be given to the Group D staff of Panthanibas.
- 3) On 4th December, medical camp would be held at Loreto Rainbow Homes, Bowbazar. It was decided that two doctors and a nutritionist would visit from the club and nutritional food would be provided to the children.
- 4) It was decided that the Youth Service subcommittee would fix a date with Rotaract Sukrit to have a Ghat Cleaning project with Interactors.

President announced that Rtn Samirendu Dutt would grace the chair of Election Officer for the formation of the Board for the RY 23-24.

President announced with delight that Rtn Samirendu Dutt had donated Rs. 5000 for the last Cervical Cancer Screening Project at Chowbaga.

IPP Dr. Kunal Ray introduced the new prospective member Arko Bhattacharya to the members. Arko also shared his feelings about visiting the club.

The club business was conducted by Secretary Rtn. Dr. Mainak Sengupta where all members joined him in wishing

- 1) Dr. Debnath Chaudhuri, Partner of Rtn Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri for his birthday on 1st December.
- 2) Rtn. Tapati Bhattacharya for her birthday on 2nd December.
- 3) Rtn. Samirendu Dutt for his birthday on 3rd December.
- 4) Rtn. Krishna Lakhani for her birthday on 6th December.
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6) Rtn. Manasij Bandopadhyay and his partner Amrita for their anniversary on 6th December.

Minutes of 2089th meeting was then confirmed.

The RCM was followed by two lectures on quite diverse yet thought provoking and interesting topics. The first was one the impact of Awadh on the art, culture, peace and harmony of Bengal, and it was delivered by Mr. Shahenshah Mirza, the great great grandson of the last Nawab of Awadh, Wajid Ali Shah. The story telling charisma of Mr. Mirza mesmerized the audience. The second talk was on sky photography and it was delivered by our honorary member, Dr. Arup Ratan Dutta. His photography exhibits and the associated stories kept the viewers engrossed for the entire time of his presentation.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the members.

### Ideas, Feedback & Suggestions



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Secretary, RCCJ

## **Cervical Cancer Awareness and Screening Program (in association with NASI) at Nadia**

**9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

On 9th November 2022 at Fatehpur Gram Panchayat, Dist. Nadia, Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur participated in a program sponsored by National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), with regards to Cervical Cancer awareness and screening. On the day, 40 women participated in the program, while 34 women participated in the testing camp. This has to be considered as a great success for it is generally very difficult to convince the rural women participants to take part in the testing camp. Rtn. Dr. Chitra Mandal represented RCCJ and delivered a lecture in the camp. The program was organized by Krishmakumar Chatterjee Memorial Association.

### **Some glimpses of the Program**



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Secretary, RCCJ

## **Birla Industrial & Technological Museum Visit**

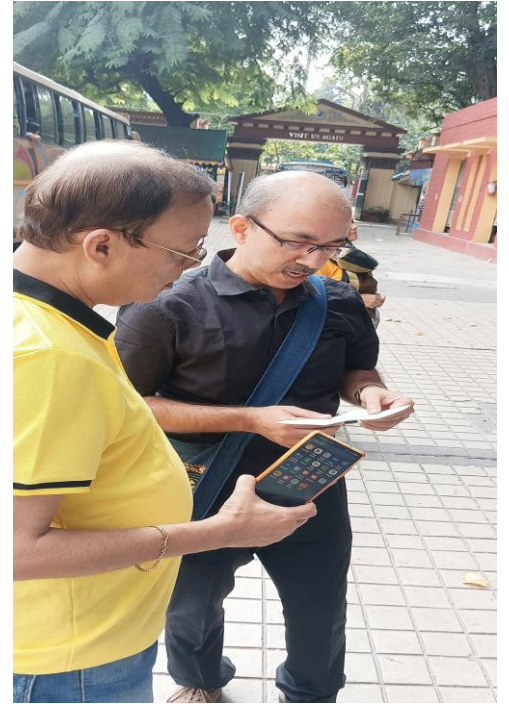
**10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Dr. Sreemati Ghosh, retired headmistress, Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith, has long been associated with our club through different social activities. For the last few months, she has been instrumental in arranging Birla Industrial Technological Museum visit for school children, from Kolkata and outskirts. On her call, today Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur collaborated in such an event at BITM by arranging the transportation cost of 60 students from Jogtola Suryakumar Bidyalaya, Batanagar. RCCJ Secretary Mainak Sengupta and Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee were present in the event.

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**Cervical Cancer Awareness and Screening Program (in association with NASI)  
at RCC Chowbaga**

**13<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

On 13th Nov 2022 at RCC Chowbaga, Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur organized a Cervical Cancer Awareness and Screening Camp. On that day, 31 women participated in the screening program. Rotarians Shakhi Banerjee, Jaydeb Banerjee, Paromita Das Dutta, Sikha Mukherji, Soma Banerjee and Mainak Sengupta represented RCCJ in the camp. A team of eminent faculties from Dept. of Gynecologic Oncology, Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, had a busy day counselling the women participants and screening them for Cervical Cancer. They were counselled on a one to one basis regarding personal and menstrual hygiene, Cervical Cancer risks and necessity of periodic screening.

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**Secretary, RCCJ**

## **Two Interesting Lectures at RCM of RCCJ** **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022**

On 23rd November, RCCJ organised lectures on two quite diverse yet thought provoking and interesting topics at the Venables Lounge, Calcutta Rowing Club. The first was one the impact of Awadh on the art, culture, peace and harmony of Bengal, and it was delivered by Mr. Shahenshah Mirza, the great great grandson of the last Nawab of Awadh, Wajid Ali Shah. The story telling charisma of Mr. Mirza mesmerized the audience. The second talk was on sky photography and it was delivered by our honorary member, Dr. Arup Ratan Dutta. His photography exhibits and the associated stories kept the viewers engrossed for the entire time of his presentation.

### **Some glimpses of the Program**



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**Secretary, RCCJ**

## **Donation Programme & Bijaya Sammilani at Panthaniwas Pathshala, Bolpur** **27<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

On 27th November, RCCJ donated school bags to the students of Pathshala, Panthaniwas, Bolpur. The grade 4 staffs of Panthaniwas, who are instrumental in running the coaching classes at Pathshala, were given blankets. Nutritional foods were also provided to the students. On the 26th evening, these students made a wonderful cultural presentation adorned with recitation and dance in front of a full-house audience in the Bijaya Sammilani program arranged by Panthaniwas administration. There were several renowned artists from Kolkata who, along with others in the audience, were delighted to see the kids perform so smartly and flawlessly. It was a true delight for the members present including the President Pausali Paul, IPP Kunal Ray, Jharna Ray, Literacy Chair Aditi Nag Chaudhuri and Manab Paul as well as Debasis Pal, spouse of Pausali Paul. RCCJ sincerely thanks Rtn. Chitra Mandal and Rtn. Chhabinath Mandal for sponsoring the school bags for the kids.

### **Some glimpses of the Program**



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**Secretary, RCCJ**

## **Medical Camp at Loreto Rainbow Home, Bowbazar**

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

On 4th Dec, RCCJ organized a medical camp at Loreto Rainbow Home, Bowbazar where Dr. Dipanwita Nag, Professor, Calcutta Medical College and Dr. Soham Kar from Rotaract Club of Jadavpur did a health assessment of 86 girl children. Nutritionist, Koyel Pal Chowdhury had a thorough consultation with the children as well as the persons who run the kitchen for the home regarding the nutritional need of the children. A nutritional food hamper was distributed to all children. The children presented the Rotary-Rotaract members and the physicians with a wonderful handmade card. Apart from President Pausali Paul, Kunal Ray, Jharna Ray, Sikha Mukherji, Koyeli Dutt and Anirban Sarkar represented RCCJ. Sukrit & Bhramori were the other members present from Rotaract Club of Jadavpur.

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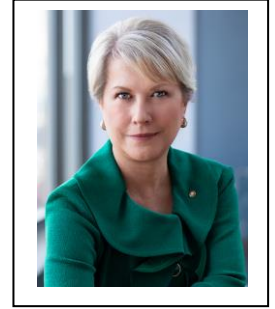
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## **RI NEWS CORNER!!**

### **RI President Message - Jennifer Jones**

**December 2022**



While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?" Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

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