



# Presidency Times

Bulletin of Rotary Club of **Calcutta Presidency**  
Rotary International District 3291



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## RI President's Message

In August, I was proud to visit Pakistan and highlight Rotary's top goal, eradicating polio. It was also a tremendous

opportunity to spotlight female health workers who are playing a critical role in protecting children from this vaccine-preventable disease.

This month, as we celebrate World Polio Day, we are shining a spotlight on our more than 30-year effort to lead the first global polio eradication campaign and our success in forming partnerships capable of completing this massive goal. We all know that this is one of the most ambitious global health initiatives in history and that we've reduced polio cases by more than 99.9 percent worldwide.

Pakistan is one of only two countries in the world where wild polio virus remains endemic. (The other is neighboring Afghanistan.) I was able to witness and take part in vaccination campaigns in Pakistan, and soon after I left, a monumental nationwide immunization campaign took place, focused on 43 million children under the age of 5. I saw the incredible work of Rotary members on the ground. More than 60 percent of vaccinators in Pakistan are women, and they are doing a remarkable job building trust and convincing mothers to vaccinate their children.

Seeing it all firsthand, I know that the will exists across the Rotary world to end polio, and I'm confident that we have

the strategy. The Pakistani media has been very supportive of our efforts as well, and this is making a difference. This month, a new global pledging moment at the World Health Summit in Berlin promises to pull together more resources to fund these time-sensitive eradication efforts. Now it is up to us to do our part and raise \$50 million this year to earn the full 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

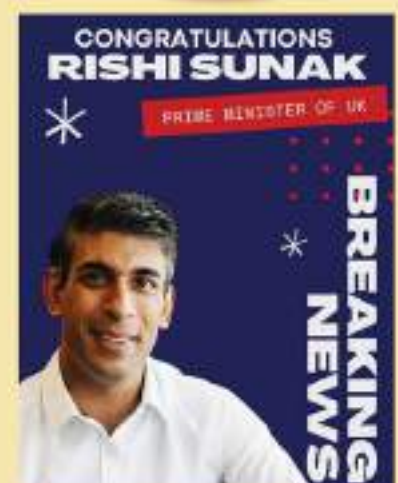
There's great cause for optimism on the polio front - but also some staggering new events that have further raised the stakes. Over the past few months, new polio outbreaks have occurred in Israel, the United Kingdom and, most recently, in the New York City area. These stories are frightening, but in every case, the response is clear — vaccines work, and if polio is spreading, we need to make sure the most at-risk people have kept their vaccinations up to date.

Most importantly, we need to eradicate this virus now. If polio exists anywhere, it can spread everywhere. What I saw in Pakistan convinced me that we can and must finish the job, but it will only happen if we remain committed to a strategy that's working and back it with all necessary resources.

Through our commitment, generosity, and sheer determination, we will End Polio.

**Jennifer Jones**  
President 2022-23

**Navaratri** is an annual Hindu festival observed in the honour of the goddess Durga. It spans over nine nights (and ten days), first in the month of Chaitra





### Project No. 30

#### Literacy

Sit and Draw competition was organised on 3rd Sept in Howrah Siksha Sadan. - girls for class 9 and 10. Topic was Imagine world in 25 Years from now. Prize distribution to six girls was done on 5 Sept by Literacy Chair PDG Mukul Sinha

**beneficiaries 50 students**



### Project No 32

#### Mini Saksham Camp

At Khelagarh School Joynagar We organised a mini camp on 10 th Sept at 4 pm in Ranjan ji 's office. There was 100 percent attendance, as always it is a very satisfying project. Kids were given goodies. One person was blind, so there was difficulty in training him but we did it. Members present Sangita A, sangita B, Ranjan ji and Rina Malpani.

**Beneficiaries 6**



### Project No. 31

#### Women Empowerment

**Virangana** was organised in Howrah Siksha Sadan - Girls on 9th and 10th Sept by Rotary club of Calcutta Presidency, Today 35 girls received certificates for Aakido training by trainer Utpal Chakraborty. This is District Project to teach women self defence. The underprivileged kids really enjoyed learning. Members present Sangita Jain and Rina Malpani.

**Beneficiaries 35**



### Project No 33

#### Vocational

Sui Dhaga- our project to empower women, is going strong and steady. Since the beginning of the Term, we have procured 39 machines from Singer, worth Rs. 4,31,512/- of which few have been taken by other clubs of the district, few by Nirdhan Devopment Micro Finance as their CSR project. Few have been donated to needy persons through contact of our members. This is our ongoing project since 5 years and is going strong under the able leadership of President elect Sangita Bakliwal, Admin Mita Ganeriwala, Treasurer Rajesh Bothra. One of the prestigious project of our club



### Project No 34

#### Literacy

RCCP under Ee..Zz..eE. school initiative District 3291 gave a scholarship of RS 5000 to Pratham Sharma in Shanti clinic on 15 September at 1 pm. This boy father is suffering from neurological disease and is unable to support family. This is continuous project since 5 years. We pay him quarterly. Funding was done by Tarachandra and Shanti Maheshwari Trust.



### Project No 35

#### Community Economic Development

RCCP organised Pre Puja gifts for 40 pavement dwellers near Durga Mandir, Ballygunge on 18 Sept at 7 am. Complete set of new dresses sponsored by Musaddi Foundation, toys and chocolates for children by Rtn. Jayshree. Total beneficiaries- 70+. Rotarians involved- PP Sangita , Ranjan and Jayshree.

**Beneficiaries 70**



### Project No 36

#### Disease prevention

cancer awareness camp in Champahati by One of our RCC Bird in association with Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital On 22 September from 10 am. 54 females and 24 males were examined





## Project No 37

### Disease prevention

#### Meet a Wish

On 24th September from 10.30 am to 12:00 we had this Heart warming project in Calcutta Medical College for children who have been affected with terminal stage of cancer. It felt nice to bring smile to their face. We fulfilled wishes of 91 children. This project Pradeep ji organised it individually. Each gift was marked with kids name. This was a joint project of R5 clubs. RC Mayfair, RC Maiden, RC Yuvis, RC Visionaries. RC Presidency. PDG Shyamashree Sen was guest of honour along with Principal of Medical College.

## Project No 38

### Cancer awareness & Community Services

On 1 st october, at 9.30 am RCCP organised Pandal Hopping in Salt Lake for Cancer survivors staying in Premashray unit of Tata Medical centre. We organised 2 buses and there was a police pilot car. Around 120 people did pandal hopping. Initial organising was done by PP Sangita Jain, later project was lead by Amit Gupta. Our members PP Pradeep jain, Rashmi Surana, Jayshree Somani, Shruti Poddar, Amit Secretary and his daughters were present to flag off the buses. Later lunch was served to all the members.



## Project No 39

### Disease prevention

On 5 october being the last day of the Pujas the Club members did a small project for the benefit of the society. Rotary club of calcutta Presidency, considering the outbreak of dengue, in Kolkata took the initiative of distributing 50 mosquito nets in a shanty in Golf Green. The club members distributed 50 mosquito nets to the beneficiaries shortlisted by the local Club members. Amit Gupta took lead **Beneficiaries 50**



## Project No 40

### community development and environment protection

Rotary club of Calcutta Presidency organised our signature project Rrobe on 28 and 29 th September in Garima Greh, Kasba, home for LGBTQ. We had donated clothes, and helped them to set up the exhibition. They have sold the nearly new old clothes which we had collected earlier. Ranjita Sinha guided them and was present during the sale. So this project helped the economically disadvantaged section of the society as well as environment was protected as we are reusing good clothes. **Beneficiaries 200.**



## Minutes of 154th RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency held on 19th September at 9AM at Hotel Park Prime (Inferno Room)

**President Rina Malpani called the 154th meeting to order and welcomed the members for joining the meeting.**

President's Announcement

- Minutes of the 153rd meeting were taken as read and confirmed.
- The President briefed the members about the projects completed in the month of September.
- 1. The Club members participated in Teacher's Day celebration at Howrah Siksha Sadan and felicitated 25 teachers for their services.
- 2. Vrangana camp was conducted in Howrah Siksha Sadan on 9th & 10th September. PP Rtn Sangita Jain gave a talk on the importance of nutrition.
- 3. A mini Saksham camp was organised on 10th September in the office of PP Rtn Ranjan. 4 fitments were made.
- 4. The President congratulated and praised Team Suidhaga for their dedicated service. The Club has provided 39 machines during the current Rotary Year.
- 5. The President through her Trust has given a Scholarship to a needy Student.
- 6. On 18th September the Club members led by Rtn Ranjan distributed sarees and toys to the street dwellers of Ballygunge.
- The President Rtn Dr. Rina shared her forthcoming plans

1. On 24th September the Club with other clubs of R5 are organising Meet A Wish camp at 10:30 AM at Medical College. PP Rtn Pradip Jain briefed the members about the project.
2. The Club is organising Pujo Moja – Pandal Hopping on 1st October for the inmate kids of Premasharay. IPP Rtn Asha and Rtn Amit will be conducting the project.
3. On 18th October, the club has organised E – waste collection drive in Rajshree building.
4. The Club members were briefed by PP Rtn Ranjan about the project Say no to Plastics. The Club members approved the project and requested Rtn Ranjan to lead the same.
- There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.



## Minutes of the 155th RWM held at Hotel Claridale on Saturday, 8th October, 2022 at 9AM.

- In the absence of the President, PP Rtn Ranjan Mussadi called the 155th RWM to order. The Minutes of the 154th RWM was confirmed and accepted. There were 16 members present in the meeting.
- PP Rtn Ranjan Mussadi gave a brief update of the projects conducted.
- A. On 28th September 2022, the Club organised Project RRobe with the transgender group at Garima Griha. The exhibition got a good response as most of the displayed products got sold out.
- B. On 1st October, 2022, the Club in association with B D Memorial School arranged for 2 buses for Pandal Hopping for the young cancer suffering inmates of Premashray. Around 120 inmates and guardians went for Pandal Hopping. The project was attended by Rtn Pradip Jain, Rtn Jayshree Somani, Rtn Rashmi Surana, Rtn Shruti Poddar and Rtn Amit Gupta
- The President informed the members about the forthcoming projects planned for the month of October, 2022.
- 1. On 18th October 2022, the club has arranged for E waste collection drive at Rajshree Building from 12 PM. The intention is to collect Ewaste and ensure proper reuse or disposal to ensure pollution control.
- 2. On 29th October, RCCP in association with Lupin Diagnostics have arranged a Health Check up and Cervical Cancer Awareness Camp at Shanti Clinic, Howrah from 11:30 AM onwards.
- 3. IPP Rtn Asah also informed the members that the Computer Literacy Program will be done in early November. 12 students have been shortlisted and the club will ensure scholarships @ Rs. 1700 per student.
- There being no other announcement, PP Rtn Ranjan Mussadi requested members to come to the Dias and express their views and their opinions about Rotary and our Club functioning. All the members present participated and it was a fruitful interaction.
- Joint Secretary Rtn Priyanka Gupta conveyed birthday wishes to Rtn. Dr. Jayant Chattopadhyay, Rtn Sangeeta Mukherjee Rtn Dr Ramesh Agarwal and Rtn Amit Gupta
- Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



### Project No 41

#### Mini Saksham Camp

On 17 October at 9 am RCCP organised mini Saksham camp at Ranjan ji's office (Krishna Building). It was well conducted under the administration of Ranjan ji. Sangita A and Sangita B. **Beneficiaries 2**



### Project No 42

#### Environment

India generates about 3.2 million tonnes of E-waste which if disposed of in informal way may cause water, soil and air pollution. Thinking of this On 18 October from 1 pm to 5 pm, RCCP organised camp for E- waste collection in Rajshree apt, Board Room . . . Our members Anu kothari, Sangita B, Asha gupta and Rina Malpani were present in the camp to collect the waste and helped in transfer it to Twirl Store who disposed it off properly. Thanks to members Sangita A, Ranjanji, Jayshree, Anu Kothari, Sangita B, Mita, asha for donating the e waste. **Beneficiaries 1000**



### Wings to Fly Durga Puja in West BENGAL

Durga Puja is a festival of Bengalis and pride of Bengal which has now been inscribed on the intangible cultural heritage list of UNESCO recognised event worldwide. Its a very big event in East India and among the Bengalis worldwide. It has become a 10 days festival which starts from Mahalaya and coincides with Navratra and Dussehra. The whole of Bengal is illuminated with various colours of lights and different types of decorative Pandals . Our CM has recently started a Carnival event also for the Top 100 Pujas through the procession for the Visarjan. It has become very popular among people and many tourists from various countries have started coming to Kolkata to see this mega event.

### Project no 43



Some say aged people have the most sacred of hearts and they require the purest of love from us. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency along with The Rotaract Club of Calcutta Presidency visited Navnir Old Age Home to shower love on the elderly women and accept nothing but their blessing

in return on \_22nd October (Saturday) at 8.30 am. We delivered Geyser, Microwave oven, 2 ceiling fans , pressure cooker, ration supplies that they require before winter during their day-to-day life. \_Shruti, Sanjeev, jayshree, Sangita came forward for this project. It was joint project with Rotractors who also supplied rations. This project was special as 2 spouses. shradha and sunil joined us. Sunil's speech was also good . The ladies did a small cultural program for us to show their appreciation. Best was that these ladies were happy and contented in this home. members present sangita, rashmi and amit.

## GOOGLE PANDIT October - November horoscope



LIBRA

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This year is very good. You will get skill in every task, so that you will get success in the field and personal life too. However, this year you should avoid making any wrong decision by getting too excited. There is a need to be a little careful about health as you may have any bone related problems. Include calcium content in your diet and exercise every day, so you can avoid many health problems.



SCORPIO

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Some Scorpios can expect an excellent period in their love life. It is the case for the single Scorpios who will have great chances of meeting someone unique. It is also the case for those who are unsatisfied with their current love life and want to start over. They could meet someone captivating.



Rina Bhandari	9 Oct
Dr. Jayanta Chatterjee	13 Oct.
Sangeeta Mukherjee	19 Oct
Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla	25 Oct
Amit Gupta	29 Oct

**We Meet Twice a month adhering to all Covid Prevention Norms.**