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RC Ballygunge Leads RID3291 End Polio Now Rally : A Report

On Sunday 23rd October 2022 morning, at about 9 o'clock; that is the day before Kali Puja, this year, while possibly, the majority of people were still sleeping or preparing for the next day's festival of lights, or maybe awaiting the live telecast later in the day, of India's opening Super 12 Group 2 Match against Pakistan, in the Men's World Cricket T20I Cup , from Melbourne Australia; a unique motorcade of about 35 cars and some tableaux with balloons, posters, banners and fliers, all announcing Rotary's resolve to END POLIO NOW, started moving northwards along Gostho Pal Sarani, in the Maidan, from the Taltala Institute Tent, opposite the CAB Club House !!



This Rally, aptly named END POLIO NOW, was undertaken by RID3291, in the wake of the Polio virus being found in one or more neighbouring countries like Afganistan /Pakistan, though India is already Polio Free for more than eleven years now , to still keep up our vigil against this crippling disease !! This Rally was to make the society at large aware of its danger and also to declare our pledge as Rotarians that we will continue to wage war against Polio till the entire planet is free from this menace !!

The Rally was led by our own RC Ballygunge as lead Hosts, and supported by the following Rotary Clubs as Co Hosts, among others : RCs Amelia, Arunadoy Howrah, Budge Budge, Garden Reach, Calcutta South City, Cal Cosmopolitan, Cal Millenium, Cal Magnum, Cal New Alipore, Cal New Horizon, Cal Charnok City, Cal Kankurgachhi, Cal South Circle, Cal South Extn, Cal Metro City, Cal Dhakuria, Kamarhati, Kolkata Kabitirtha, New Ballygunge, Rabindra Sarobar, etc.



With the Tableux in the front, decorated with specially designed End Polio Now balloons, Polio Awareness messages, gingles and music played and amplified from them, followed by the cars, one by one, each duly decorated with banners stickers also, the long rally made a colourfully spectacular show, drawing attention of the pedestrians and traffic passing by, as it travelled along the Maidan areas, and passed through Esplanade, Chittarnjan Avenue and parts of Central and North Calcutta upto Bagbazar. From there the rally turned eastwards and then Southwards passing by Shyambazar 5 point crossing, APC Road, Sealdah Station, Maulali, Park Circus, Ballygunge, Gariahat and GolPark, from where it turned Westwards via Purna Das Road, Lake Market Rashbehari Crossing, turned Northwards again along SP Mukherjee Road, Hazra Crossing, Bhowanipore, along AT Mukherjee Road, JI Nehru Road to Exide Crossing , finally culminating at Rotary Sadan at about 11.30 am.



DG Ajoy Law, several PDGs and many club presidents participated in the Rally and also in a End Polio Now meeting at Rotary Sadan. From RC Ballygunge, your reporter could locate the following Rallyists present : President Sanjoy, IPP Gitali, PE Rinku, Editor Anirban (who was kind enough to take me in his car), PPs Nasir, Amitava, Asoke Chandra et al, and apologies to the others who might have been there too !!



In the Rotary Sadan, the media personnel present interviewed DG Ajoy, and other Senior Officials of the District and the India National Polio Plus Committee, along with our President Sanjoy, and were made aware of Rotary's continuing fight to banish Polio completely from the face of the earth. It was understood that our Rally would get wide media coverage in general and TV Channel 10 in particular.

In the meeting that followed in the Rotary Sadan, DG Ajoy Law, PDG Uttam Ganguli, DPPC, PDG Shyamashree Sen, PDG Pinaki P Ghosh, PDG Sudip Mukherjee addressed the 90 plus rallyists about our continuing fight against Polio, and made us renew our pledge to continue our vigil, inspite of India becoming Polio free, till the whole world is made free from this dreaded disease !! Host/Co host Club were handed over Certificates for participating .

The Rallyists dispersed, post the meeting, the Certificates and snacks around 12.30pm

That was a truly apt and worthwhile way to celebrate World Polio Day, a day in advance for us all !!



Reported by PP Dr Prodeep Coomar, RCB Polio Chair 22-23

Distribution of Spectacles Rotavision Project

distribution of spectacles after 10 mega camps jointly done by 5 organizations. More than 900 specs distributed.



Distribution of Spectacles Rotavision Project

Ten (10) projects of RotaVision completed between July and 6th November, organised with the kind support of Dr Fuad Halim.



Vision Rx Lab
Rotary District 3291
People's Relief Committee
Rotary Club of Ballygunge

Kolkata Swasthaya Sankalpa Spectacles Distribution Schedule
5th November, Saturday, 6pm at PRC, 26C, Dilkhusa Street, Kolkata-17
6th November, Sunday, 10am at 114 Chetla lock gate, Kolkata 27. Near 17 no bus stand.
6th November, Sunday, 1pm at AHSD, 91, Raja Dinendra Street, Kolkata-700006



MINUTES FOR 2441ST RM HELD AT INTERNATIONAL CLUB, KOLKATA, ON THE 20TH OCT22

Members Present : 13 Guest: 00

- ❖ The president call meeting 2441 STRM to order.
- ❖ President requested all to rise for the national anthem, which was sang by all.
- ❖ President wish to all Shuvo Bijoya & Happy Diwali with Kalipuja.
- ❖ President announce that on 23rd our club will organize Polio Rally as Host Club with District 3291 and request to members to attend at 9a.m. opposite of Eden Gardens.
- ❖ President announce that on 29th District will organize Bijoy Diwali meet and request to all members to attend the event and members can registered himself / herself also in online.
- ❖ President an announce that on 22nd sept we was organize our joint meeting alog with an event "fashion & beauty" and it was so nice event whereas every members was enjoyed.
- ❖ President informed that on 23rd, 26th & 29th September our club was organize 3 consecutive eye camps under Rotavision in 3 separate places in Kolkata.
- ❖ President informed that on 29th , 30th & 1st oct our club distributed garments for puja purpose among 3 places to underprivilege people at International Club, Emami Basti & Seba old age home and more or less 148 beneficiaries are benefitted.
- ❖ President inform that our club has signed a MOU with Narendrapur Ramkrishna Mission to do the social work and projects jointly clubs and others guest.
- ❖ President request present members for their suggestion, thoughts & others, if any.
- ❖ President handed over to the secretary for happy announcements & club business.
- ❖ Handed over to President and he terminates the meeting.

Birthdays

26th Oct

Rtn. Sabari Bose

28th Oct

Rtn. Subhankar Chakraborty

30th Oct

Rtn. Sandip Sen

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversary

18th Oct

Rtn. Anindita Chatterjee Sinha with Pinaki Ranjan Sinha

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

