



Presidency Times



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Rotary International District 3291



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RI President's Message

September 2022

Recently, Nick and I spent time in Guatemala, where we met wonderful fellow Rotary members and families who

unofficially adopted me as "Tía Jennifer." On the third day, after visiting Patzún in the mountainous western highlands, we set out for Lake Atitlán, which we needed to reach by nightfall. If we took a back

road we could get there faster. Locals told us it had just been repaved and assured us, "You'll have no problem." At first, it was a breeze. We wound through misty-green coffee and corn fields covering the hillside like a patchwork quilt. But at a river crossing, we found a bridge washed away. The only way to continue would be to ford the river in our small bus. There were a few tense moments, but we decided to give it a try and, thankfully, we made it across safely.

This adventure reminds me of two important truths in Rotary. One, we rely on local, on-the-ground expertise to do what we do best. And two, sometimes you have to take uncomfortable chances to reach important goals.

Every day, I am honored to learn from our Rotary family. Every lesson is an opportunity to grow, and each story adds a chapter to our collective Imagine Rotary year.

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23



**President Rotary Club of Calcutta
Presidency 2022-23**

RTN DR RINA MALPANI

I was pleasantly surprised when I was asked by editor to pen a few lines for the Literacy Month in Rotary World. According to me education is the most important part of life. Education does not mean just degrees, but it means to get education in all spheres so that we become good human being and take right decisions. Our club did many project in this field, we specially helped girls, as I believe "you educate a girl you educate the family and country in the long run". We have to instill in our youth to focus and educate

themselves as education alone can bring them out of poverty etc. India is progressing due to education. I believe helping youth in education is better than giving freebies, it will make them self-reliant and confident to deal with the world. My focus this year will be literacy whether to adopt a school and make it self-reliant and progressive, or computer literacy or even sports coaching, so Rotarians should focus on education if we want our country to be a developed nation where every human being has a right to live peacefully. I am what I am today because my father educated me and inspired me to do good in life

Ganesh Chaturthi, also called Vinayaka Chavithi, is an auspicious Hindu festival which is celebrated for 10 days every year. The festival is celebrated in the Bhadra month as per the Hindu calendar which generally falls in mid-August to September. It marks the birthday of the beloved elephant-headed Lord Ganesha.

Ganesha is known as the God of wealth, sciences, knowledge, wisdom and prosperity, and that's why most Hindus remember him and seek his blessings before starting any important work. Lord Ganesha is known by 108 different names like Gajanana, Vinayaka, Vighnaharta among others.



SEPTEMBER IS
BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

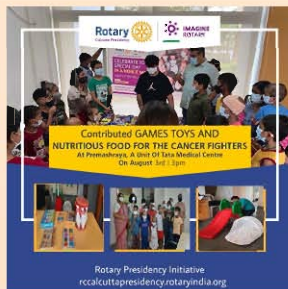
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WE MUST NOT FORGET TO EDUCATE
THEIR HEARTS
DALAI LAMA

Rotary

Project No. 19

Disease Prevention

On 3rd August at 3 pm Rotary club of Calcutta Presidency members, led by AG Sangita Jain, visited Premashraya a unit of Tata Medical Centre and distributed games, toys and nutritious food to children who have defeated cancer.



Project No. 21

Youth Services

Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency celebrated Independence Day with Durbar Sports Academy at Practice Ground in Fultala Baruipur at 9 am. After flag Hoisting and National Anthem, we had an exhibition match, winning team received the trophy.

PDG Mukul Sinha was our chief Guest who inspired the youth. 12 Rotarian and 2 Rotractors of Rotaract club of Calcutta Presidency were present. We distribute sports T-shirts, shorts, socks shin guard, 1 kg Horlicks each and lunch pack to 100 players. Sports outfit was also given to the coach. Lunch pack for kids was sponsored by Gurpreet's Mom, Mrs Rajinder Kaur Baweja, children clothes was sponsored by Jayshree Somani and Dr Ramesh' relative contributed for coach and trophy. Ranjanji's friend sponsored 60 kg of Horlicks. We are trying to make sports as an important part of youth as sports brings discipline in life. Here the kids were from underprivileged family.



Project No. 20

Literacy

RCCP under Ee...Zz...eE school under District 3291 initiative awarded Rs 12000 scholarship (for one year fees) to Nikita, daughter of a house maid in Indore, on 5th August. This was inter district project. Girl child education in underprivileged society is very much needed. It was supported by Tarachandra and Shanti Maheshwari Trust.



Project No. 22

Environment

At Khelagarh School Joynagar

To nurture the seed of environment preservation in the young minds, members of the *Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency* under Ee..Zz...eE School District 3291, undertook various initiatives with the students of Khelagarh Pre-primary and Primary School in Joynagar, South 24 Parganas on 23 August at 10 am. 29 saplings were distributed among the students of Class IV to take care of plants. Prizes were given to 9 students, of Classes I - IV, for their drawings on the theme of Environment Preservation. The teachers also spoke on what has been done to raise awareness among children and the society in general about safeguarding the environment and saving our planet.

The presence and support of RCCP members was greatly appreciated by students and teachers alike. Members Asha Gupta, Rashmi Surana, Rashi Sureka and Sangeeta Mukherjee attended the project.

Project No. 23

Water Cooler and Purifier

Water as the source of life, RCCP has made an effort to address the dearth of clean drinking water in many parts of West Bengal. Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency under the Initiative of Ee..Zz...eE school, District 3291 donated water cooler and Purifier to Khelagarh Pre-primary and Primary School in Joynagar, South 24 Parganas. Water cooler was inaugurated by Rtn. Rashi Sureka on 23rd August at 11 am and members encouraged the students to enjoy the cool water in the hot sultry days. The project was attended by Rtn Asha gupta, Rtn Rashmi Surana, Rtn Sangeeta Mukherjee and Rtn Rashi Sureka.



Project No. 24

Education

Members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, distributed cakes, biscuits, pencils, erasers and crayons to the students of classes Nursery to IV at Khelagarh Pre-primary and Primary School, Joynagar, South 24 Parganas on 23 August at 12.15 pm. The students were overjoyed and it certainly served as an incentive for them to enjoy schooling even more. Besides the joy it brought, the distribution of stationery and snacks also addresses some of their needs both practical and emotional as most of them are from below the poverty line. To express their appreciation, the students presented a dance for their guests. The efforts and warmth of the visiting members of RCCP was very well received and their next visit is eagerly anticipated. Rtn Ranjan Mussadi and Rtn Rashi Sureka donated for the good cause.





Project No 25

Environment

On 27 August at 3.30 pm we did Bamboo Tree plantation in. Earth Restore 2. Green Verge 12. Action Area 1. New Town, under the guidance of Dr Nayan Mitra. It seems Bamboo gives maximum oxygen. We planted 20 trees. Shruti and Sunila poddar sponsored for this project. Thanks to our Past president Asha Gupta and Vinod Bhandari for giving their valuable time. This project planning was done by Asha Gupta.

Project No 26

Literacy

Rotary club of Calcutta Presidency did first project in Literacy month under Ee..Zz...eE. School initiative under district 3291 on 2nd September by giving a scholarship of Rs 15000 (via Trust Tarachandra and Shanti Maheshwari Trust) to a needy student of ST Teresa's School.

Her father passed away so needed help. Beneficiary name is Dhriti Jaiswal.



Project No 27

Sanitation

On 5th Sept at 9.30 am., RCCP inaugurated. and renovated toilet in Howrah Siksha Sadan - girls in Howrah. Inauguration was done by Mukul Sinha who is literacy chair, district 3291. Funding was done by Arun Sancheti and Rina Malpani. Function was attended by Asha gupta, Amit Gupta, Mita Ganeriwala and Jayshree Somani. Beneficiaries 1500 girls.



Project No. 28

Literacy

Good Teachers do not impact for a year but for a life time. We all are indebted to our teachers for being our guiding stars. RCCP under Ee ..Zz..eE. school initiative district 3291 celebrated Teacher's Day in Howrah Siksha Sadan on 5 th sept from 9.40 am. We recognised the work of 31 teachers in a govt High School by greeting them and giving gift of token (leather purses). These teachers are working at grass root level to improve our community. PDG Mukul Sinha was the chief guest. Mita Ganeriwala sponsored the gifts and Jayshree sponsored the food packets for them. Asha, Amit, Jayshree, Mita and Rina were present in the project. Project cost 22000, beneficiaries 31.



Project No 29

Literacy

On 5 sept at 10 am we had organised cultural activities by the students for the Teacher's Day celebration in Howrah Siksha Sadan - girls. PDG Mukul Sinha was the chief guest and he encouraged the students. First they greeted us then gave rose and performed beautiful dances, poem recitation etc. The students were very talented. Beneficiaries 200, Cost 1000.



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Minutes of 152nd RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency held on 27th August at 9AM at Hotel Park Prime (Inferno Room)



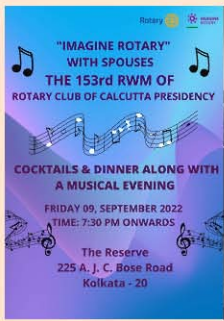
President Rina Malpani called the 152nd meeting to order and welcomed the members and the Dr Ajay Paul, the guest speaker for joining the meeting.

Rotarian Priyanka Gupta was requested to lead the National Anthem. President's Announcement

- Minutes of the 152nd meeting were taken as read and confirmed.
- Dr Utpal Das spoke about Independence Day Celebration at Durbar Sports Academy where PDG Rtn Mukul Sinha was the chief guest and appreciated the Exhibition Football Match played that day. Players were appreciated. He briefed us about the enthusiasm of the members and the contribution to the footballers.
- Rtn Asha Gupta talked about the Inauguration of water cooler and purifier at Khelaghar in Joynagar followed by distribution of stationary and eateries for pre primary and primary school kids. Talk for environment was given to the kids and plants were given to nurture. Prize distribution for drawing competition was also done. Kids performed dance for the guests. Rtn Ranjan Mussadi and Rtn Rashi Surekha donated for the good cause.
- Secretary Rtn Amit Gupta briefed about tree plantation on 27 August

in New Town under the guidance of Dr Nayan Mitra.

- President Dr. Rina Malpani spoke about upcoming events on 5th September for Teacher's day celebration was being planned. Virangana program is proposed to be held on 9th & 10th September in Howrah Siksha Sadan for Girls.
- The next RWM will be held on 10th September followed by fellowship and sponsored by Rtn Arun Sancheti. Spouses will also be invited.
- President Dr Rina Malpani gave scholarship to Ms Jaiswal of St Teresa School. The cheque of Rs 15000 from Tarachandra and Shanti Maheshwari Trust was handed over by PP Rtn Vinod Bhandari.
- Rtn Rajesh Bothra introduced the Guest speaker Dr Ajay Paul who enlightened us on cataract surgery, it's beginning, issues, solutions and latest technologies for eye surgery. He even answered the queries of members on eye care. It was indeed a learning experience.
- Secretary Amit Gupta conveyed good wishes to the members on their birthday and anniversary in the month of August.
- A quiz question by Rtn Sunil Mall for which the prize was given to the winner, Rtn Vinod Bhandari.
- There being no other matter, the meeting was adjourned.



Minutes of 153rd RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency held on 9th September at 7PM at The Reserve Club Room.

- President Rtn Dr. Rina Malpani called the 153rd meeting to order and welcomed the members for joining the meeting.
- Rotarian Sangita Jain was requested to lead the National Anthem.
- Minutes of the 152nd meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

This was a special 153rd RWM with Arunji Sancheti sponsoring the venue, and cocktails, mood was set with DJ Akash Rohira and With Gurpreet hosting the event, made it most enjoyable. Ambience decor, Jungle Beats, was done by Gurpreet. Attendance with spouses made the event a great hit.

- The President briefed the members about the projects completed in the month of September.
 - The Club members participated in Teacher's Day celebration at Howrah Siksha Sadan and felicitated 25 teachers for their services.
 - Virangana camp is being conducted in Howrah Siksha Sadan on 9th & 10th September.
 - The President Rtn Dr. Rina briefed the members about the forthcoming projects.
 - A mini Saksham camp will be organised on 10th September in the office of PP Rtn Ranjan.
 - The President through her Trust has given a Scholarship to a needy Student.
 - On 18th September the Club members led by Rtn Ranjan will be distributing sarees and toys to the street dwellers of Ballygunge.
 - 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.
 - The Club is organising Pujo Moja - Pandal Hopping on 1st October for the inmate kids of Premasharar. IPP Rtn Asha and Rtn Amit will be conducting the project.

SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthday greetings were announced for the following

10th September: Rtn Pawan Agarwal

12th September: Rtn Vikas Sarawgi

29th September: Rtn O P Agarwal

The secretary conveyed that the next RWM will be on 19th September and handed the proceedings back to the President.

- There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.



Wings to Fly International Holiday

South Africa is a perfect destination for those seeking a unique sensory reawakening. It is a place for all types of fun activities and allows travelers to reconnect with real life. It is famous for its active adventure, wildlife safari, spectacular scenery, lap of luxury, sun-soaked beach, and happening nightlife. Popular places like Cape town and Joburg - a bustling city, Kruger National Park - a safari destination that can not be missed, Sun city - a place for nonstop entertainment with Casino, Durban - a heritage town, Garden Route - consist of 300kms of coastline with lovely lakes and lagoons, Cape Wine lands - famed for producing some of the world's finest wines. Holiday lovers should not miss this beautiful destination. Ideal for 10-12 days trip.



Our club sole participant, Sangita Jain, in the district Independence day celebration



Attending Hridaya



PE's our Sangita Bakiwal, and of Chowrangee and Galaxy with DG Elect Hiralal Yadav

Happy Birth day

NitiTandon	4 Sept
Anurag Bindwala	4 Sept
Raj Kumar Nahata	7 Sept
Vinod Patawari	7 Sept
Pawan Agarwal	10 Sept
Vikas Sarawagi	12 Sept
Om Prakash Agarwal Todi	29 Sept

GOOGLE PANDIT September horoscope



SCORPIO

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.



SAGITTARIUS

Until May you may feel that your natural luck has deserted you and you are not moving forward in your life. Maybe you are not supposed to and the sooner you realize this the easier the first half of the year will be. A concerted health or fitness regime is one area that you can benefit. From May though your life does begin to move forward because of earlier restraints. From late September until the end of the year, your optimism returns and life looks much better.

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