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**July is Maternal and Child Health Month**



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
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# ***FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK***



Hello dear fellow Rotarians. Now that the baton of leadership has been handed over to our new conscientious leaders, it's time to make the ball rolling. July being Rotary's International Awareness Month, it highlights the power of global cooperation in tackling pressing issues and serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility in fostering a more interconnected and compassionate world. Let us all do make it happen. By promoting cross-cultural understanding and collective action, Rotary empowers communities worldwide to address challenges such as poverty, health disparities, and education.

In Rotary, July is also celebrated as Maternal & Child Health month. It is needless to say that children are our future and from the very moment a child enters the world, a mother's love becomes the cornerstone of their development. The mothers, through the way of selfless love and care, induces moral values and enlightens the inner soul of the child to transform them into good human being on this earth. So friends, let's join our hands together to strengthen our future by catering our services towards maternal and child health .

Good luck and Godspeed to this club.

## ***Meet My Editorial Team***



**Sonia Gupta**

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## Minutes of Meeting: 46<sup>th</sup> Installation Meeting and 2128<sup>th</sup> RCM held on July 10, 2024

**Venue: The Lake Club Sports Complex Time: 7.00pm Attendance: 82**

- Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta, President RY 23-24 called the meeting to order and requested Rtn. Shakhi Banerjee to lead the National Anthem.
- After the National Anthem was sung, Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta welcomed everyone and presented a summary of the services of RCCJ for the RY23-24. Then she introduced Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta, installed him as the President RY 24-25 following due procedure and handed over the proceedings to him.
- The incoming President Dr. Mainak Sengupta welcomed the Chief Guest District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and the First Lady Dr. Simran, the Guest of Honour District Governor Elect Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, the special guest District Governor Nominee Mr. Tapas Bhattacharya, all other Past District Governors and other District officials present, the regular and honorary members of RCCJ and their family, The President and Secretary of the Inner Wheel Club of Jadavpur and other guests. The first lady was presented with a bouquet of flowers.
- The President presented his vision of work for RY 24-25 and introduced the Board members including the chairs of various service areas. Secretary Rtn. Soumya Chattopadhyay performed the club business.
- The President then requested the DG to induct 8 new members (7 regular and 1 honorary) to the club. The members were introduced by the President and the DG presented the Rotary Pin to the new members. All the new members were presented with framed drawings of the beneficiary students from Pathshala, Bolpur.
- The President then handed over cheques amounting to USD 2182 to District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, and PDG and District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Sudip Mukherjee.
- On the request of the President, DGN Mr. Tapas Bhattacharya delivered his address, followed by DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri. DGN made an appeal to everyone to donate to The District Polio Fund. IPP Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta and Rtn. Sikha Mukherjee committed to donate 100 USD each to the cause. DGE appealed to everyone to consider Thalassemia prevention as a major focus. Then the President requested the DG to address the august gathering. DG appreciated the service projects of RCCJ for the RY 23-24 and encouraged the plans presented by President Dr. Mainak. The DG, DGE and DGN were felicitated with the framed drawings of the beneficiary students at Pathshala, Bolpur.
- On behalf of the club, the President and IPP Paromita Das Dutta handed over a cheque of RS 11,000 to the Treasurer, Rammohun Library and Free Reading Room for the reprint of a commemoration volume on Acharya P.C. Roy.
- Secretary and the President-Elect Rtn. Soumya Chattopadhyay extended his vote of thanks on behalf of the Club, following which the meeting was called to an end.
- The meeting was followed by fellowship and dinner.



## Minutes of the Meeting: 2129<sup>th</sup> RCM held on July 17, 2024

Venue: Online in Zoom platform

Time: 6.30pm onwards Attendance: 31

- Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta, President RY 24-25 called the meeting to order and requested Rtn. Shakhi Banerjee to lead the National Anthem.
- After the National Anthem was sung, President did welcome everyone including the members of the Inner Wheel Club Jadavpur and the guest speaker Prof. Samir R Sikdar, retd. Faculty, Bose Institute Kolkata, and all other guests. He also got confirmed the minutes of the 2128<sup>th</sup> RCM that was previously distributed amongst the members via email.
- The President presented a summary of the services of RCCJ for the first half of July 2024 through a PowerPoint presentation mode. He announced the proposed upcoming services too, and also announced the names of the kind donors for different services. This was followed by Secretary Soumya Chattopadhyay conducting the club business announcing the birthdays and anniversaries of the members (and partners). All the other participating members heartily conveyed their well wishes to them.
- Then the President introduced the guest speaker Prof. Sikdar to the audience and invited him to deliver his talk on the Rotary area of focus: water, sanitation, and hygiene, when Prof. Sikdar talked about how rain water harvesting can be implemented in our own residence. It was a unique experience for all the members to hear how such a conservation measure can be implemented at home. The talk was followed by an extensive discussion session.
- Then the President announced the date and venue of the next RCM, as well as the Board meeting and called the meeting to an end.
- The official meeting was preceded by half an hour of fellowship meeting.



# Service Projects of the Month At a Glance

## Mission Plastic Purge



On 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, RCCJ conducted single-use plastic pollution awareness and cleaning programs in Udbhash, a children welfare institution in Jodhpur Park and in Baruipur High School

## Mission Afforestation



On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, RCCJ donated an amount of Rs 20000 to plant 200 trees in Pathorprotima, Sundrerbans and on 20<sup>th</sup> July, RCCJ collaborated with Gopal Chandra Bhattacharyya Vigyan Mela Committee, Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha towards afforestation awareness program and sapling distribution



## Mission Literacy and beyond



On 7<sup>th</sup> July RCCJ conducted a scout training camp and on 10<sup>th</sup> July, a special computer class at Udbhash. As an ongoing project, RCCJ organised daily tuition classes at Pathshala, Bolpur.

## Mission Fight for sight



As a part of an ongoing project RCCJ supported the free treatment of 4 members (including one surgery) from a large glaucoma affected family from low economic background.

## Mission support a public library



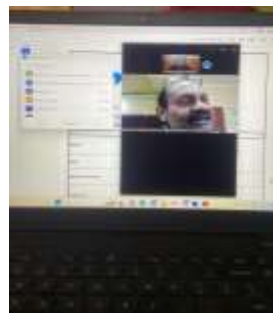
RCCJ donated a desktop computer and a laptop to Rammohun Library and free reading room for the digitisation of books and catalogues. RCCJ also contributed towards the re-print of a rare book on Acharya PC Roy.

## Mission Happy Health



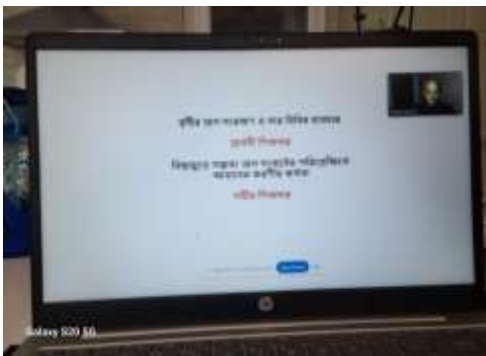
On 13th July RCCJ organized a free medical camp at Ma Kaali Old age home at New Garia and assessed the probability of CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) in the old age home residents by measuring ACR (Albumin Creatinine ratio).

## Mission Life Beyond Cancer



As a part of an ongoing service, this month, RCCJ supported the treatment of 10 pediatric cancer patients in Tata Medical Centre Hospital and SGCCRI. RCCJ along with team Life Beyond Cancer also hosted an online orientation program for the cancer caregivers on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

## A talk on rain water harvesting at home



On 17<sup>th</sup> July RCCJ hosted an online deliberation on rain water harvesting practices by Prof. Samir R Sikdar, retd. faculty, Bose Institute, Kolkata

## Donation to The Rotary Foundation



In the month of July RCCJ members donated USD 2280 to The Rotary Foundation



# Memories of the Month.....





# Down Memory Lane.....

## ROTARY AS I REMEMBER:-



**Past President  
Sambhu Narayan  
Banerjee**

(From my faded memory, I have tried to jot down some salient points on Rotary with a view to give some basic concept on Rotary to the new Rotarians only.)

### Hierarchy:

Rotary was founded on 23<sup>rd</sup>. February, 1905 by eight American gentlemen headed by Paul Percy Harris at Unity Building, Chicago, Illinois, USA. Today's headquarter of Rotary International is Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Rotary International is headed by RI President supported by RI Board consisting of RIP as Chair Person, RIP elect., RI Vice President, RI Treasurer (All above are elected by RI Directors and tenure for them is one year) and 16 RI Directors (elected by District Governors and tenure is two years).

There are 529 District Governors elected by about 35,000 Rotary Club Presidents and tenure DG is one year. Club Presidents are elected by about 12, 00,000 club members and tenure is one year.

The administrative head of Rotary is R.I. President which is a elected post while some senior secretarial posts are nominated or appointed. The tenures of R.I. President is one year, Board of Trustees is four years and Board of Directors is two years.

Club Presidents (tenure 1 yr.) elect District Governors (tenure 1 yr.), Dist. Governors elect RI Directors (tenure 2 yrs.) RI Directors elect RI President (tenure 1 yr.) & RI Trustees (tenure 4 years) and RI Trustees elect Chair Person RI Trustee (1 yr.). Club Presidents elect COL representative (tenure 3 yrs.)

The Council on Legislation is an important part of Rotary's governance process. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the Council is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association. The Council on Resolutions meets online every year to vote on proposed resolutions. Each Rotary district chooses a representative for a three-year term. These elected members represent their districts at all three meetings of the Council on Resolutions and at the Council on Legislation during their term. This COL functions like Indian Parliament and COL representatives like our MPs. All the rules & regulations adopted and approved are recorded in Manual of Procedure (MOP). (To be contd.)

# Cherishing the Moments.....

## My Experience of Visiting Two Rotary Clubs in the UK



Rtn. Sudipta Kundu

In the month of July when I was on a business tour in the UK, I found some time to visit the Rotary Club of Canterbury and the Rotary Club of Kew Gardens. In both the clubs I informed the members about the various projects our club is engaged in back home at Kolkata. I highlighted the Life Beyond Cancer project. Both the clubs showed interest in collaboration with our club in the future.



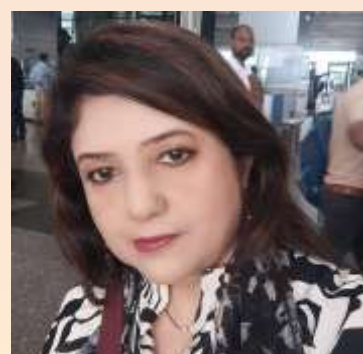
Ms. Smita Ray  
Inner Wheel Jadavpur



গত ২৪এ জুলাই, ২০২৪ রাত্রিবেলায় হঠাৎই প্ল্যান করে, পরেরদিন সকালবেলায় শান্তিনিকেতন এক্সপ্রেসে বেড়িয়ে পড়লাম শান্তিনিকেতনের উদ্দেশ্যে। যখন পৌঁছলাম তখন ওখানে মুম্বলধারে বৃষ্টি, তারই মধ্যে ট্রেন থেকে নেমে পা বাডালাম "পান্থনিবাসের" দিকে। আমাদের যাদবপুর রোটারী ক্লাবের সদস্য রোটারিয়ান মানব পালের সহায়তায় একটা সুন্দর পরিবেশে থাকার ব্যবস্থাও হয়ে গেল। পরের দিন সকাল সকাল পরিকল্পনা মতো পৌঁছে গেলাম যাদবপুর রোটারী পরিচালিত "পাঠশালায়"। হঠাৎই উপস্থিত হয়ে দেখলাম প্রায় ৩৫ জন ছাত্র ছাত্রীদের সমাবেশ। দেখে অবাক হলাম প্রত্যেকেই কিন্তু যে যার মতন মনোযোগ দিয়ে নিজেদের কাজ করে যাচ্ছে শিক্ষিকাদের তত্ত্বাবধানে। দেখলাম কেউ আঁকছে, কেউ বই পড়ছে এবং তারই মধ্যে, আমি ছাত্রছাত্রীদের নামতা বলতে বললাম - সবাই ঠিকঠাকই বললো আবার যোগাও সুন্দর ভাবে পরিবেশন করে দেখালো। ওদের মধ্যে আবার কয়েকজন মিলে নাচও দেখালো যেটা নাকি ওদের ওখানে শেখানো হয়ে থাকে। আমাদের একটু বেরোনের ব্যাপার ছিল বলে ওখান থেকে বেরিয়ে এলাম ওদের এতো সুন্দর ভাবে পরিবেশনা দেখে মনটা ভরে গেল আর মনে হল আমাদের এই আসাটা সার্থক হয়েছে। ওখানে আরও কিছু করা যায় কিনা সেটাই ভাবতে ভাবতে ঘরে ফিরে এলাম।



# THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH YOUR DONATION



We also acknowledge the generous contributions of Ms. Pratima Dutt (spouse of Hony. member of Rtn. Samirendu Dutt);  
Ms. Arpita Ghosh Deb (spouse of Rtn. Manas Ghosh) and Ms. Sayoni Ganguly (daughter of Rtn. Sikha Mukherjee)



# SAY NO TO PLASTIC

HELP ME!

PLASTIC GLASS

CARRY BACK

Carry Bag

Recycling symbol on bin

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