



Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi

RI District 3291



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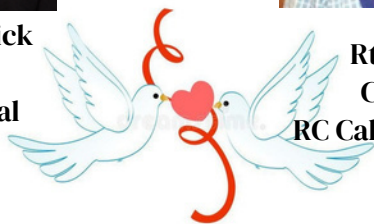
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With the aim of fostering strong inter-club relationships, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi and Rotary Club of Budge Budge jointly held a Regular Meeting (RM) on 18th of October, followed by Bijaya Celebrations and a fellowship dinner. The event was hosted by RC Budge Budge at Spring Club, Kolkata, where their hospitality was truly commendable.

The Presidents and Secretaries of both clubs exchanged greetings and best wishes on behalf of their respective members. Past Presidents, members, and their families from both clubs gathered and enjoyed the event, contributing to the camaraderie.

Guest speakers PDG Mukul Sinha and PDG Ajay Law, along with their spouses, graced the occasion. They expressed their joy at being invited and spoke about the benefits of Rotary fellowship, cultural events, and the significance of meaningful projects. Both Past Governors also praised the efforts of the two clubs.

The birthday celebration of members were also conducted by cake cutting ceremony.

Several district officials were present, further enhancing the significance of the occasion.



Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25
Rotary International



RI Presidential Message October 2024



With World Polio Day on 24 October, I'm proudly rooting for Rotary as we team up around the world to End Polio Now.

I had the honor of attending a Strike Out Polio event in July at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates MLB team. The Rotary Club of Delmont-Salem hosted the event, which raised \$1.3 million for PolioPlus.

Later in the summer, I joined members of our Rotary family in supporting the Más Millas Menos Polio (More Miles Less Polio) bike ride. Felipe Meza Chávez and his team rode all the way from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, to raise money and awareness. The ride took 12 days, and Felipe and his team collected more than \$100,000 to support the fight against polio. It was a joy to greet them as they arrived in Evanston.

And I was thrilled to see Team End Polio raise global awareness around the 2024 Paris Olympics. This world-class roster of athletes, global leaders, and polio eradication supporters came together to advocate for a world where no child has to live in fear of being paralyzed by polio. Some of the athletes on Team End Polio are polio survivors themselves, adding weight to their advocacy.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Rotary has teamed up recently to End Polio Now. It is vital that we continue to seek out and recruit teammates in polio eradication, especially after the challenges our eradication efforts have faced this year.

The Rotary world was heartbroken to learn about the tragic passing in August of Aidan O'Leary, director for polio eradication at the World Health Organization. I knew Aidan and worked with him directly. He was a tireless advocate in the fight against polio and a kind, genuine man. We will remember him both for his advocacy and his warmth.

But where there is hardship, there is also hope. I feel hopeful whenever I consider the countless ways Rotary supports the fight every day to eradicate polio.

As people of action, we don't have the luxury of giving in to despair, even in the face of tragedy. The best way to honor Aidan's memory is by teaming up and reaching our goal to End Polio Now.

We made a promise to the children of the world and their families. It is incumbent upon us, together with our global partners, to end this threat once and for all.

There are so many ways we can team up to eradicate polio. You can donate to the End Polio Now campaign, join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district, or take inspiration from the fundraisers I mentioned above.

I encourage Rotary members around the world to continue to seek out new teammates, so that together, we end polio.



PP Ranjana Mutsuddi
Club Editor

Editorial

Let's know What is Rotary in this edition.

Rotary is a global humanitarian organization founded in 1905, dedicated to service, community development, and international goodwill. Comprising over 1.2 million members across more than 200 countries, Rotary clubs bring together professionals and leaders to address pressing social issues, promote peace, and foster understanding among diverse cultures.

Rotarians engage in a variety of initiatives, focusing on areas such as health care, education, and economic development. One of its hallmark projects is the eradication of polio, which has significantly reduced cases worldwide. Through its motto "Service Above Self," Rotary encourages members to contribute their time, resources, and expertise to improve lives and create lasting change.

In addition to community service, Rotary also emphasizes leadership development and networking, offering members opportunities to grow personally and professionally. By fostering connections and collaborative projects, Rotary plays a crucial role in creating positive change at local and global levels.



Rtn. Amitabha Majumder - 1st October

Rtn. Rakesh Roy - 1st October

Rtn. Arindam Dutt - 5th October

Rtn. Sudipa Chakraborty - 7th October

PP Grp Capt Tapas Kr Ray - 9th October

PP Dr. Kalpana RoyChowdhury - 18th October





Rotary



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi celebrated a Pre-Puja cultural event AGOMONI and family day on the 2nd of October. The fun-filled program featured impressive performances by talented members and guests. Notably, young Rotalet Anish Sarkar, son of IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, gave a standout performance, while Rotalet Anushka Chakraborty, daughter of Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty, captivated the audience with her melodious songs. Rotarian Alakananda from RC Salt Lake Silicon Valley delivered an extraordinary dance performance, among other quality acts.

PDG Jhulan Basu and DGN Tapas Bhattacharya graced the occasion, along with other District dignitaries, and officially inducted two new members, Rtn. Amit Chakraborty and Rtn. Sudipa Chakraborty. The event concluded with a warm fellowship and a delicious dinner, with Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das expressing heartfelt gratitude to everyone for making the Club Fellowship Meet a great success.



Solar street lights are an effective solution for rural electrification, offering sustainable, economical, and social benefits that can positively impact village life. Villages can become more self-sufficient by generating their own power through solar energy, reducing dependence on centralized power grids and lessening the impact of power outages. Another major impact of solar street light in village is Well-lit streets improve safety by reducing accidents and deterring crime. This can be particularly beneficial in rural areas, where darkness can create security concerns. To implement these initiatives, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi, with the support of Sri Kartik Chandra Sarkar from Bankura, installed its third solar street light in the village of Baikunthpur, Bankura, on October 6th. The light was inaugurated by DGN (RID 3291) Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya."





The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi proudly sponsored the newly established Rotary Club of Bankura Outer in the Bankura district, marking a return of the area to RID 3291. The Club's Charter presentation Ceremony took place on October 6, 2024. The prestigious Charter, signed by the Rotary International President Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick and District Governor (DG) AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, was presented to the new Club President, Rtn. Debopriya Sen, by DG AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta (RID 3291).

The ceremony was attended by notable figures of RID 3291 including DMC PDG Ravi Sehgal, PDG Ajay Law, DGN Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya, and other District officials of RI District 3291 such as PP Amitava Chakraborty, PP Anirudha Guha, PP Mahesh Maheshwari, and PP Ajay Agarwal. The Advisor of RC Bankura Outer, IPP Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi, and the President of the sponsoring club, RC Calcutta Kankurgachi, Rtn. Indrajit Das, were also present, along with other senior Rotarians from RC Calcutta Kankurgachi. Also members from RC Bankura Outer were present with their families. The prestigious Rotary lapel pins were presented to the New Club members of RC Bankura Outer by DG & Dist officials.

The District Governor was escorted by 12 dhakis with their performance & floral rain up to the auditorium. The program was initiated with an environment project by tree plantation & saplings presentation by District Governor, new sarees & dhoti presentation to dhakis by DG, District officials & both the club members. After the Lamp lighting and inaugural song the main event was started.

In his speech, Rtn. Debopriya Sen, President of the new club, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the District officials and members of the sponsoring club. DMC PDG Ravi Sehgal and DGN Tapas Bhattacharya commended both clubs for their dedicated efforts. DG AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta also praised the Club Presidents, the Club Advisor, and the officials of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi, offering encouragement to the new club for their upcoming projects and assuring them of continued support.

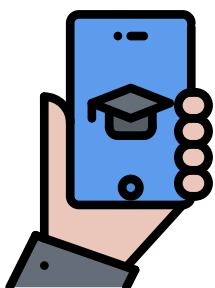
The President-Elect of RC Bankura Outer concluded the event with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the District and the sponsoring Club for their unwavering support.



Mobile phones can be an incredibly useful tool for online education when used effectively. With proper use of educational tools and apps, they can be a powerful asset, making learning more flexible, accessible, and engaging.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi recently completed its flagship literacy project, MEDHABRITTI, which has been ongoing since Rotary Year 2017-18. On October 9, Jio Bharat mobile sets were distributed to 20 underprivileged, meritorious students in Sahashpur Village, Bankura. Like previous years, the project was a great success, under the supervision of Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das and Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray, who were accompanied by other members, including Past Presidents of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi.

Club President, Club Secretary, and members of RC Bankura Outer also witnessed the event.





Providing sanitary napkins to underprivileged women offers numerous benefits that contribute to their health, dignity, and overall well-being. Programs that provide affordable or free sanitary napkins can have a profound impact on the health, education, and empowerment of women in underserved communities. On the auspicious festival of Durga Puja, Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi handed over 50 packets of sanitary napkins (5 pcs in each packet) to Rotary Club Of Bankura Outer for distributing to needy underprivileged village women. Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das & Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi & Club President Rtn. Debopriya Sen & Club Secretary Rtn. Raj Kumar Panja of RC Bankura Outer commenced the program on dais. Past Presidents of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi & members of RC Bankura Outer were present.



Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi

We Are In
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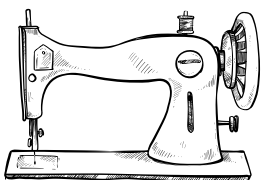
Computer Donation



Dental care camp



Pedestal Fan donation



Sewing machine donation



Mangrove Plantation



**Water filter cum cooler
installation**



Eye care Camp

**COMING
SOON**
Stay Tuned

MINUTES OF THE 429TH ROTARY MEETING

Date: October 18, 2024

Venue: Spring Club, Kolkata

Hosted by: Rotary Club Budge Budge

Total Members Present: 16 members and 2 guests from Rotary Club Calcutta Kankurgachi

Call to Order:



The 429th Rotary Meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Krishnendu Biswas of Rotary Club Budge Budge. All members and guests were requested to stand for the national anthem.

Welcome Address:

President Biswas warmly welcomed the distinguished guests:

DLCC PDG Mukul Singa and Madam Rakhi Singa

PDG Ajay Kr. Law and Madam Mitali Law

The Club President and Club Secretary of Rotary Club Calcutta Kankurgachi

District officials, guests, and fellow members.

Agenda Overview:

The meeting commenced with Rotary Club Budge Budge's agenda, followed by the club business led by the Club Secretary. The meeting was then handed over to Rtn. Indrajit Das, President of Rotary Club Calcutta Kankurgachi.

Remarks by President Indrajit Das:

President Das confirmed the minutes of the 428th meeting and expressed gratitude to the leaders of Rotary Club Budge Budge for their warm invitation.

He acknowledged the contributions of club members to various projects completed in October, particularly recognizing IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar for his efforts in establishing a new club in Bankura.

District Events:

President Das announced several upcoming district events, encouraging all members to participate:

World Polio Day Celebration on October 24 at Gyan Manch

District Bijoya-Diwali Meet "Deepalika" on October 27 at Eastern Metropolitan Club

Distribution of the district directory for those who had requested it.

Overview of Completed Projects:

President Das provided a brief overview of the club's completed events and projects during September:

AGOMONI Pre-Puja Family Meet

Installation of solar lamps in Bankura

Charter presentation ceremony for the newly sponsored Rotary Club Bankura Outer, with the charter presented to new Club President Rtn. Debopriya Sen by District Governor AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.

The flagship literacy project MEDHABRITTI, providing scholarships to underprivileged, meritorious students, including the distribution of 20 Jio Bharat educational mobile phones in Sahashpur, Bankura.

Organization of a medical emergency booth in Kankurgachi in collaboration with the Swadhinata Dibas Udyapan Puja Committee.

New Proposals from RCCK:

President Das announced the following new proposals:

Quit Plastic Proposal: Submitted by Public Image Chair Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty.

Mangrove Plantation Project: Proposed by Environment Chair Rtn. Soinik Das, to be held at Bali, Namkhana.

Mega Health Camp: To be organized in the Baranagar area, submitted by Community Service Chair Rtn. Arijit Dutt.

Distribution of Pedestal Fans: Two fans donated to Khara Para High School by Community Service Chair Rtn. Arijit Dutt and his spouse.

Co-hosting Sanhati Ryla: Organized by RCC Samaritan in Bankura.

Polio Seminar: Co-hosted by Rotary Club Calcutta Kankurgachi.

Club Business:

The President invited Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray to present the club business. Secretary Ray expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, and members of Rotary Club Budge Budge, and conducted the club business with care.

Conclusion:

With no further points for discussion, President Biswas concluded the meeting, inviting everyone to join in fellowship, the cultural program, and a sumptuous dinner.

MINUTES OF THE 430TH RM

Date: 30th October

Mode: Online (Zoom platform)

Total Members Present: 8

Call to Order:

The 430th Rotary Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rtn. Nomit Mutsuddi in the absence of President Indrajit Das. Members were requested to raise their hands for the National Anthem.

Updates from the President:

On behalf of Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das, IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar shared that Club Executive Secretary PP Supriyo Lodh represented the Club at the District Bijaya Diwali meet “Depalika.” IPP further mentioned that the Club proudly participated as a co-host in the District World Polio Day seminar held at Gyan Manch, attended by many schools and RCCs. He received the Co-Host Certificate of RCCK on behalf of President Rtn. Indrajit Das.

Service Projects:

As previously decided, on 5th November, two pedestal fans will be donated to Khanapara High School, sponsored by Chair Service Project Rtn. Arijit Dutt and his spouse, Inadyuti.

IPP announced that RC Calcutta Kankurgachi will co-host the “Shanghati” RYLA organized by RC Calcutta Samaritan at Bankura Town on 11th November, with the Club President and members attending. A joint meeting with RC Bankura Outer will also occur that evening. PP Supriyo Lodh proposed a donation of a computer set, jointly with RC Bankura Outer, to a local library at Sahashpur Bankura.

Joint Meetings and Collaborations:

IPP noted that RC Calcutta Millennium has expressed interest in a joint meeting with RC Calcutta Kankurgachi at RCGC Calcutta. PP Supriyo Lodh proposed inviting honorary member PP Dinabandhu Singha as a guest speaker. The date for this joint meeting will be finalized at mutual convenience.

Environmental Initiatives:

IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar updated that the environmental project proposal for mangrove plantation, previously proposed by Environment Chair Rtn. Soinik Das, is progressing. A date will be fixed accordingly following discussions with project coordinator Soumitra Mandal.

Other Proposals:

PP Supriyo Lodh proposed a joint meeting with a Rotary Club in Bolpur Shantiniketan, along with a Club picnic at that time.

In response to Rtn. Soinik Das's appeal for financial assistance for a meritorious but underprivileged student pursuing an MBBS course, PP Supriyo Lodh proposed matching the donations collected from Club members. Service Chair Rtn. Arijit Dutt suggested that his spouse, Inadyuti Dutt, could explore a Scholarship Scheme for this financial assistance.

Chair of Youth Service Rtn. Rahul Gupta proposed a food packet distribution program at an orphanage in Howrah under the Club banner, coinciding with his son's birthday.

Micro Credit Project Update:

Rtn. Supriyo Lodh, President of the RC Calcutta Kankurgachi Welfare Trust, reported that under the ongoing microcredit project, one more beneficiary received ₹6,000, bringing the total beneficiaries to three needy families.

Club Business:

Vice President Rtn. Nomit Mutsuddi requested Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray to conduct the club business, which she did efficiently.

Adjournment:

With no further points for discussion, Vice President Nomit Mutsuddi terminated the meeting.